

RESOLUTION NO. 641 -R

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOALS OF THE HISTORIC
COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, The Columbia River Highway, designed by Samuel Lancaster, was built during the years of 1913-1922 by the citizens of Wasco, Hood River and Multnomah Counties and by the State of Oregon as a pioneer western auto road; and

WHEREAS, The historic Columbia River Highway has served our needs transportation, commerce and recreation for seven decades; and

WHEREAS, That highway, renowned throughout the world for its technical and aesthetic achievements was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and declared a National Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, The historic Columbia River Highway, though fragmented and in disrepair, stands as a potential major visitor attraction opening up significant new opportunities for residents and visitors to the Columbia River Gorge; and

WHEREAS, In recent years there is a renewed public interest in the reuse and rehabilitation of that highway:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THAT:

1. The historic Columbia River Highway between Troutdale and The Dalles should be designated as a special HISTORIC ROAD; and

2. The historic Columbia River Highway should be reused and managed as a continuous recreational, cultural and visitor attraction to tie together the Gorge communities and to support local economic development; and

3. That the historic integrity and original appearance of the extant original roadway and structures should be rehabilitated and preserved, and that all lost rock guardrails, mile markers and observatories on the intact and reusable highway sections should be rebuilt, to the extent practical; and

4. That a coordinated visitor information program be developed for the historic highway throughout the Columbia Gorge.

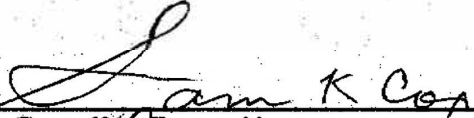
5. That historic Columbia River Highway visitor centers be established at both ends of the highway featuring the history and culture of the highway and of the adjacent communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The jurisdiction of the City of Troutdale asks the State of Oregon, in cooperation with local jurisdictions, to coordinate and support the development of a HISTORIC ROAD program for the historic Columbia River Highway.


**ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 28th
DAY OF OCTOBER, 1986.**

**YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0**



Sam K. Cox, Mayor
Dated: October 29, 1986

ATTEST:



Valerie J. Raglione
City Recorder
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