

RESOLUTION R-4891

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1125 ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, Initiative 1125 (I-1125) will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would prohibit the use of tolls from the Interstate 90 floating bridge to help pay for the State Route 520 bridge replacement project and prohibit the building of light rail on Interstate 90; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would further require that tolls only be imposed or increased or a toll methodology changed if approved by the Legislature, instead of by the independent, non-partisan State Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would abolish variable tolling, requiring additional financial analysis estimated by the Washington State Office of Financial Management ("OFM") to cost up to \$5.7 million; and

WHEREAS, certain federal grants were awarded to the Washington State Department of Transportation, King County and King County Ferry District conditioned on implementing variable tolling on the existing State Route 520 bridge; and

WHEREAS, according to OFM, if a toll rate increase is needed and a uniform toll rate was implemented, the state, King County and King County Ferry District would lose the authority to use the remainder of the grant money and could be required to repay the grant money and could be required to repay the grant money already spent (approximately \$100 million between the county and state); and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer has stated that passage of I-1125 will place hundreds of millions of dollars of road projects throughout the state at risk, as well as potentially creating a five hundred million dollar gap in the budget for replacing the 520 bridge, a project that is necessary for the public safety and economic well-being of residents of Kirkland and the Eastside; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Kirkland desires to show its opposition to I-1125;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council opposes Initiative 1125.

Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote no on Initiative 1125 on November 8, 2011.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 20th day of September, 2011.

Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of September, 2011.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk