

## **SALMONBERRY TRAIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY**

### **RESOLUTION No. 100**

) A Resolution to Form a Rail-line  
) Ownership Work Group

### **RECITALS**

Whereas, the Salmonberry Trail project involves a collaborative effort between a diverse set of public and non-profit organizations to create an 84-mile non-motorized trail along the Port of Tillamook Bay's railroad corridor, between the cities of Tillamook and Banks; and,

Whereas, Oregon Senate Bill 1516 is signed into law, and provides direction that "...The State Parks and Recreation Department and the State Forestry Department shall, in cooperation with other interested state agencies, local governments, nonprofit organization and other stakeholders, develop a plan to construct a trail along or adjacent to the portion of the former Pacific Railway and Navigation Company line between Banks and Tillamook..."; and,

Whereas, the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency (STIA) intends to provide leadership for this effort; and,

Whereas, an Oregon Solutions rail-line ownership project team comprised of state and local government representatives was established in 2015 to begin addressing a variety of rail-line ownership issues including railbanking; and,

Whereas, the Board recognizes once railbanking status is achieved, questions regarding rail-line ownership and trail management will need to be addressed including FEMA obligations and future desired changes in ownership of trail segments within the corridor including any segments likely to remain, at least in the near-term, in active rail use; and,

Whereas, the Port Of Tillamook Bay (POTB) is evaluating business options that can advance the Trail project including the scenic railway, fiber cable routing and salvage opportunities; and,

Whereas, the existing Oregon Solutions rail-line ownership project team has been instrumental in proactively identifying challenges, anticipating opportunities and addressing issues related to rail-line ownership including providing railbanking recommendations to the Board; and,

Whereas, the STIA desires to maintain and strengthen partnerships to implement the Trail and continue to identify creative solutions and new opportunities to leverage resources for the Trail; and,

Whereas, the Board has received valued input from the rail-line ownership project team and recognizes the opportunity to continue to benefit from the work and recommendations from that team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** as follows:

1. It is the intent of the STIA Board to create a Rail-line Ownership Work (RLOW) Group

including but not limited to representatives from POTB, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Forestry, Tillamook County, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Department of Transportation Rail Division, and the Governor's Regional Solutions team.

2. The purpose of the RLOW Group is to resolve any remaining railbanking questions and address ownership and trail management questions fundamental to beginning Trail implementation. This may include operation and maintenance considerations and ultimately, long-term ownership. The Group may also provide process recommendations for determining any compensation or other considerations for leasing or property transfers from POTB ownership to another party.

3. The STIA appoints Bill Baertlein as the convener for the RLOW Group to assist with maintaining a neutral, transparent dialogue and assist with the Group's discussions. The convener will arrange for regular reports back to the STIA Board regarding the efforts of the Group and any related recommendations. The convener and the work group will be staffed by Oregon Solutions through 12/31/16.

4. The RLOW may consider other issues and challenges related to trail implementation at the direction of the STIA.

5. The RLOW will meet as needed.

**RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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