

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2022-23-9**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE LOAD LIMIT ON THE
HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON INTERSTATE BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, the Oregon Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) imposed a lowered load rating on the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate bridge as a result of a directive by the Federal Highways Administration (“FHWA”) requiring states to evaluate the structural capacity of all bridges to carry Specialized Hauling Vehicles (single-unit trucks with closely spaced, multiple axles); and

WHEREAS, the imposed load limits were posted at posted at 24 tons for Type 3 vehicles, 32 tons for Type 3S2 and Type 3-3, 22 tons for the SU4, 24 tons for the SU5, and 25 tons for the SU6 and SU7 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Port commissioned from HDR Engineering a supplemental load rating analysis that culminated in live-load testing and span strengthening measures on the southern approach that were both successfully completed in 2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2023, the Port received notification from ODOT that it has accepted the results of the analysis and now recommends restoring the load limits to 25 tons for Type 3 vehicles, 40 tons for Type 3S2 and Type 3-3, 27 tons for the SU4, 31 tons for the SU5, and 34 tons for the SU6, 38 tons for the SU7, 28 tons for EV2 and 29 tons for EV3 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Port seeks to provide reasonable accommodation of freight hauling and emergency response vehicles in these classes while also mitigating potential damage to the 100-year old bridge; NOW THEREFORE THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The posted Load Limits for the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate bridge will be restored to 25 tons for Type 3 vehicles, 40 tons for Type 3S2 and Type 3-3, 27 tons for the SU4, 31 tons for the SU5, and 34 tons for the SU6, 38 tons for the SU7, 28 tons for EV2 and 29 tons for EV3 vehicles.
2. The 15-mph speed limit for all vehicles on the bridge will remain in force.

ADOPTED BY THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS on this 21st day of February 2023.

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