

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER  
Resolution No. 2023-24-9**

**A RESOLUTION DECREASING THE LOAD LIMIT ON THE  
HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON INTERSTATE BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2023, the Port received notification from ODOT that it had 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, prior to raising the load rating, the Commission cautioned at their February 21, 2023 meeting that continued signs of speed and high-loads resulting in increased welding and degradation of the bridge would result in a lowering of the load rate; and

WHEREAS, during the early November 2023 96-hour bridge closure, the Port conducted 160 man-hours of steel grate welding and engineers acknowledged that there had been significant degradation of the steel decking resulting in a need to return the load restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission at their November 14, 2023 Fall Planning session discussed the need to keep the bridge safe and operable for vehicular traffic until bridge replacement in Fall 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Commission at their November 14, 2023 Fall Planning session directed staff to prepare a resolution for reducing the loads to 32 tons which was the amount that the load was reduced in February 2021; 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 lowered to 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.
2. The 15-mph speed limit for all vehicles on the bridge will remain in force.
3. The effective date of this resolution is March 1, 2024.

ADOPTED BY THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS on this 19th day of December 2023.

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