

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Requesting Local Access to the )  
Portland-Astoria Tour Train Commemorating the )  
Lewis & Clark Bicentennial )

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2003

WHEREAS, next to water borne commerce, railroad service was instrumental in the pioneering and development of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial observation of Meriwether Lewis' and William Clark's Journey of the Corps of Discovery brings national attention to Oregon's Columbia River bank and islands of the Columbia River, which Lewis and Clark traversed to reach the Pacific Ocean;

WHEREAS, much of this riparian area remains nearly unchanged over 200 years and is only accessible by boat or rail; and people desiring to recreate this portion of the epic Journey of the Corps of Discovery have only waterside or rail access to reach these properties; and

WHEREAS, this limited opportunity to travel by rail provides for our local residents, especially our young children, a unique opportunity to see and experience their home from a different perspective; and where this celebration will bring history alive to our school children and teach them the specialness of this place called Oregon; and

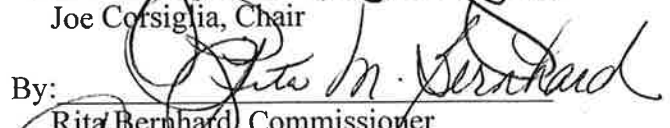
WHEREAS, the cities of Scappoose, Warren, St. Helens, Columbia City, Deer Island, Goble, Prescott, Rainier, Quincy and Clatskanie have long, historic ties to the railroad.

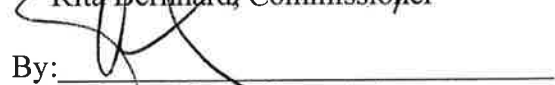
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Commissioners hereby respectfully request that the tour train owners and operators seek opportunities to provide for local access to the outbound and return rail tour services; and understanding federal constraints, locations within Columbia County, be considered for stops for these tour trains; and that all Columbia and Clatsop County schools be contacted to offer opportunities to include this limited tour rail experience into their curriculum studying and commemorating the historical significance of Lewis and Clark's Journey of the Corps of Discovery from 1803 - 1805; and that advertising and marketing for these stops begin immediately so local residents can make accommodations to include this rare opportunity in their vacation plans.

Dated in St. Helens, Oregon, this 27th day of August, 2003

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner