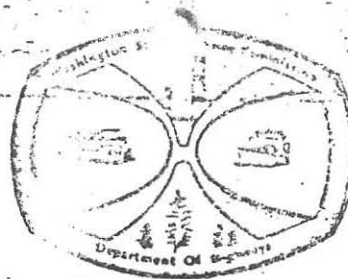


# HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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December 13, 1971

REFERRED *Edwards*  
TO \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. R. L. Porter  
State Highway Engineer  
State Highway Division  
State Highway Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Re: Letter of Intent  
Maintenance of Columbia  
River Crossings

Dear Mr. Porter

This letter is to serve as a Memorandum of Intent between the Washington State Department of Highways and the Oregon State Highway Division regarding cooperative maintenance and/or operation of the existing and future Columbia River Crossings, including ferries, that are or will be publicly owned, and for which one or both states are responsible.

The respective states have concluded that it is in the best interest of both states to jointly assign specific responsibilities for each of the crossings, and to provide for the financial responsibility of such maintenance or operation. It is agreed that the maintenance of these facilities is of mutually economic and social benefit to both states and therefore the cost of such maintenance should be shared equally by the two states.

For accounting purposes, and because of problems peculiar to each crossing a separate agreement will be prepared for each crossing.

Agreements will be prepared without regard for the actual location of the interstate boundary line. It is intended that the agreements will be written in a manner to avoid any controversy with respect to interterritorial jurisdiction.

To implement the intent of this letter, each agreement executed will contain a reference to this letter, and a copy marked Exhibit "A" will be attached to each agreement.

*Exhibit A.*

Mr. R. L. Porter

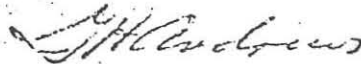
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Upon your approval of this letter, personnel from this Department will proceed to examine existing agreements between the two states, consider the maintenance problems of each crossing, discuss the problems with your staff, and prepare agreements for each crossing for your consideration.

If you concur with the foregoing statements, please sign both copies and return one copy for our records.

Also enclosed is a proposed basic agreement for your comments.

Sincerely,



G. H. ANDREWS  
Director of Highways

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Enclosures

I concur with the intent set forth  
in this letter

STATE OF OREGON  
STATE HIGHWAY DIVISION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State Highway Engineer

January 5, 1972

Date

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