



## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2233 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES**

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Improve transportation systems

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Federal regulations require publicly owned bridges be routinely inspected every two years. These inspections must be performed by trained and certified inspectors. Due to the training necessary to maintain inspector certification and the infrequent use of those skills given the few City bridges needing inspection, staff continues recommending that bridge inspection services be contracted.

In October 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2048 authorizing an interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County to perform routine bridge inspections for the City. Under the terms of the current interlocal agreement, Cowlitz County has performed bridge inspections for the following City bridges: 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue over the Cutoff Slough; and at Lake Sacajawea, the Louisiana Street bridge, the Hemlock aluminum pedestrian bridge, and the Japanese Island pedestrian bridge. The current interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County expires on December 31, 2017.

Resolution No. 2233 authorizes the city manager to execute a new bridge inspection agreement with Cowlitz County to perform the inspections required for these bridges. The agreement will be in effect for a 10-year period through the end of December 31, 2027.

The City also has an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to inspect the 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Way bridges over Lake Sacajawea. Both of these bridges require more complex structural inspections using an under bridge inspection truck (UBIT), and these services are not available through Cowlitz County. In addition, the City contracts with WSDOT or a private engineering firm every five years to perform required underwater inspections.

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

The estimated 10-year inspection cost of this agreement is \$5,000, which will be paid by the Arterial Street Fund.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2233.