

# RESOLUTION NO. 1613

## RESOLUTION ADOPTING CONNELL RAIL INTERCHANGE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PORT OF WARDEN

**WHEREAS**, The State of Washington has approved funding for the Connell Rail Interchange Improvement Project, to be constructed in the City of Connell, within Franklin County, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant County Port District No. 8 (Port of Warden), will serve as the lead agency for this freight rail improvement project, to ensure businesses and industries within Grant County have continuous access to freight mobility via rail, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Connell lies within the boundary of the Port of Pasco, and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 53.08.290 requires the Port of Warden to secure consent by resolution from the Port of Pasco prior to proceeding with the planned rail improvements, and

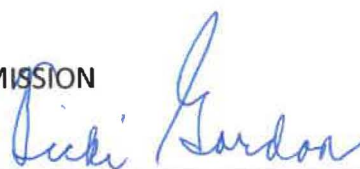
**WHEREAS**, The Port of Pasco acknowledges the importance of this rail interchange improvement project, and further supports the improvement of regional freight rail infrastructure for the purpose of economic development, and

**WHEREAS**, The Port of Warden has prepared a Rail Interchange Interlocal Agreement for the project and in accordance with RCW 53.08.290, the Port of Pasco consents to the project, including, without limitation, the siting of rail services, equipment and facilities by the Port of Warden and its contractors and agents, within the Port of Pasco as described, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of Port of Pasco hereby authorizes the execution and ratification of these documents as attached hereto.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION



Vicki Gordon, President



Jean Ryckman, Vice President



Jim Klindworth, Secretary