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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Franklin County Commissioners, Legislative Leaders Call for Urgent Regional Discussion on U.S. 395 Safety Crisis

**Pasco, WA – December 5, 2025** – Franklin County Commissioners Stephen Bauman and Clint Didier, joined by Senator Nikki Torres (15th Legislative District) and Representative Mark Klicker (16th Legislative District), today issued a call for a critical regional public discussion to address the alarming and rising number of fatal collisions on U.S. Highway 395 north of the City of Pasco.

The urgency of this issue was recently underscored by two tragic events occurring just one week apart just miles north of Pasco. Following a recent evening meeting where three community members came forward to urge the Board of Commissioners to advocate for safety improvements, another member of our community was tragically killed in a collision on this same highway corridor.

"As elected representatives, our number one priority is public safety," the Commissioners stated in a joint release. "We believe it is our responsibility to take immediate and direct action on this issue. The need for immediate attention is urgent."

In direct response to these devastating incidents and years of constituent concerns, Senator Torres, Representative Klicker, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners are convening a joint regional public discussion. This work session will focus on potential safety improvements, engineering options, funding strategies, and long-term coordinated planning for U.S. Highway 395 and surrounding infrastructure.

### Public Work Session Details

<b>Topic</b>	US Route 395, Regional Infrastructure
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>Location:</b>	The HAPO Center
<b>Address:</b>	6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, Washington 99301

The Commissioners and Legislative Leaders stress that **public input and direct participation are indispensable** as they seek collaborative, actionable solutions to enhance the safety of this vital transportation route.