

## SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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ITEM NO: C-10

DATE: October 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Resolution 08-25 in Support of the US 2 Safety Coalition Project Priority List

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

### ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-25 in support of the priority safety projects supported by the US 2 Safety Coalition.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-25 supporting the request of the US 2 Safety Coalition for \$10 million in state funding to construct safety improvements to US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar.

### SUMMARY:

Resolution 08-25 formally expresses the City of Sultan's support for the priority safety improvement projects identified by the US 2 Safety Coalition.

There have been a total of 48 fatalities on US 2 since 1999. The US 2 Route Development Plan adopted in 2006 identified forty-six potential projects to improve safety on US 2. The Washington State Legislature included \$10 million in the 2008 Transportation Budget for safety improvements on US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar.

The US 2 Safety Coalition has been working since 1997 to reduce US 2 fatalities by increasing capacity and adding safety improvements. The Coalition considered public input on proposed safety improvements at two extensive hearings conducted by the Coalition in March and April of 2008, as well as a June 2008 public meeting. At its July 28, 2008 meeting, the Coalition Board voted unanimously on to allocate the \$10 million dollars in transportation funding for the following high priority safety improvements on US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar:

- 1) Adding a two-way turn storage lane from 245<sup>th</sup> Ave SE eastward to 153<sup>rd</sup> St. SE on west Fern Bluff Road.
- 2) Closing Sultan-Startup Road intersection east of Sultan

- 3) Eliminating the eastbound and westbound right turns by closing both Fern Bluff Road intersections
- 4) Extending the two-way left turn lane to 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Gold Bar
- 5) Extending the two-way left turn lane east in Sultan to 11<sup>th</sup> Street at the Sultan Park and Ride lot.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-25. This action indicates the City Council supports the proposed safety improvements identified by the US 2 Safety Coalition and wished to formalize its support through a Council action.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-25. This action indicates the City Council has questions or concerns regarding the proposed safety improvements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-25 supporting the request of the US 2 Safety Coalition for state funding to construct safety improvements to US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar.

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE:

**CITY OF SULTAN  
SULTAN, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 08-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON  
SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE US 2 SAFETY COALITION FOR  
STATE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO US 2  
BETWEEN MONROE AND GOLD BAR

**WHEREAS**, there have been a total of 48 fatalities on US 2 since 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 2 Route Development Plan identified forty-six potential projects to improve safety on US 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature included \$10 million in the 2008 Transportation Budget for safety improvements on US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 2 Safety Coalition has been working since 1997 to reduce US 2 fatalities by increasing capacity and adding safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 2 Safety Coalition considered public input on proposed safety improvements at two extensive hearings conducted by the Coalition in March and April of 2008, as well as a June 2008 public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 2 Safety Coalition voted unanimously on July 28, 2008 to allocate the \$10 million dollars for the most important and high priority safety improvements on US 2 between Monroe and Gold Bar;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Sultan hereby expresses support for the following priority projects identified by the US 2 Safety Coalition:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2008.

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Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk