

**CITY OF SULTAN
SULTAN WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION 20-07**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE US-2
COALITION AND FUNDING FOR A CAPACITY STUDY OF US-2**

WHEREAS, US Highway 2 (US-2) is an east-west United States federal highway spanning from Everett, WA in the west to St. Ignace, MI in the east; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 is one of two major east-west connectors for freight and statewide travel from Everett to Wenatchee, Spokane, and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, US 2 is a T-1 Freight Corridor carrying more than 10 million tons of freight per year. It is the primary freight corridor when 1-90 is closed due to weather conditions or accidents; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 runs through multiple cities and towns in the Sky Valley as a main thoroughfare; and,

WHEREAS, 18,000 vehicles per day travel on US 2 from Hwy 9 to Stevens Pass reaching volumes beyond its capacity during peak periods and even more on weekends and holidays; and,

WHEREAS, more than 310 accidents occurred along a 3-mile segment of SR 2 within the city limits of Sultan over the past 5 years, including 3 fatalities;

WHEREAS, during peak capacity, local residents between Monroe and Index are unable to leave their homes due to the level of congestion; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 was not built to sustain the population growth experienced in the Greater Puget Sound region and accompanying increase in travelers; and,

WHEREAS, major improvements are needed to US-2 to address current capacity and safety concerns as well as considerations for future growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sultan

THAT, the City of Sultan supports the goals of the US-2 Coalition to bring much needed attention and funding to the capacity and safety concerns on US Highway 2; and,

THAT, the City of Sultan supports the US-2 Coalition's proposal for a \$1 million study to identify capacity and safety improvements to US-2 from the Port of Everett to Steven's Pass; and,

THAT, the City of Sultan supports the proposed goals of the US-2 Study to Identify improvements to:

- Increase safety
- Reduce congestion and improve efficiency of the highway system
- Improve freight mobility and economic vitality
- Protect and enhance our natural environment

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2020.



Tami Pevey, City Clerk



Russell Wiita, Mayor