



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 04- 60

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; **and**

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council remains committed to support continued Tribal efforts to work closely with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Branch of Roads and the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program to ensure Tribal access to goods and services and sustained funding for Squaxin transportation planning, construction, maintenance, safety, and enhancement programs; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that any Squaxin BIA IRR inventory additions may cause the Tribe's annual share of IRR transportation funds to increase, ultimately resulting in improvements to Squaxin's multi-modal transportation system; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has identified Old Olympic Highway - Squaxin's BIA IRR Route Number 100, Mason County Route Number 14040, a 2.9 mile road with one bridge located off of Washington State Highway 101 in the Kamilche area between Olympia and Shelton - as a strategic access road in need of safety improvements which are vital to the economic development, public health, safety and welfare of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that road improvements to Old Olympic Highway in Sections 2-6, Milepost 1.5-2.9, between Washington State Highway 108 and Bloomfield Road are nearly complete; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that the 42-foot-long Skookum Creek Bridge on Old Olympic Highway - Section 5, Milepost 2.6-2.7, Bridge Number 08264600 - was scheduled for BIA and Mason County funded replacement due to safety problems in FY04, but because of delays, replacement is now scheduled in FY05; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that because of delays and cost increases, the FY05 BIA IRR inventory needs to reflect the Skookum Creek Bridge replacement as a Priority 1 Construction Need so that BIA IRR bridge replacement funds for construction can be used to offset the increased project cost; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that right-of-way easements are needed on Squaxin lands adjacent to Old Olympic Highway for road and bridge improvements, and that such easements have already been granted to Mason County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal of IRR inventory changes for the Old Olympic Highway and Skookum Creek Bridge to be included into the FY05 BIA IRR inventory and other federal, tribal, state, and local transportation programs and systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council designates the Skookum Creek Bridge replacement on Old Olympic Highway as a Priority 1 Construction Need for the Squaxin Island Tribe in the FY05 BIA IRR inventory and other federal, tribal, state, and local transportation programs and systems.

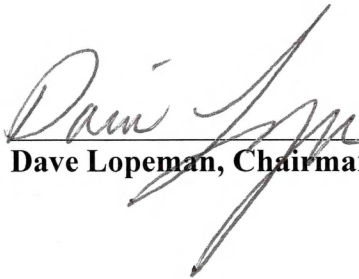
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director during an absence of the Executive Director, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the Old Olympic Highway and the Skookum Creek Bridge, and that these authorities shall be for the duration of these transportation planning and construction projects.

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CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 30th day of September 2004, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 14 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Vince Henry Sr., Secretary



Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman