



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 06-104

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 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, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; **and**

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and the 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 an established commitment to and history of working to obtain funding from various sources, including federal and tribal funding, for on-reservation and off-reservation transportation projects of importance to the Tribe and the surrounding community; **and**

WHEREAS, public transportation is an ongoing need in rural areas where the Squaxin Island Tribe operates the Squaxin Transit program, a free community transit service for Squaxin and non-Squaxin riders in Mason, Grays Harbor, and Thurston Counties, connecting with Mason County Transit Authority and Grays Harbor Transit; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council remains committed to support Squaxin Transit, ensuring that everyone has reliable transportation and access to opportunities leading to successful employment, improved quality of life, and self-sufficiency; **and**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has announced the availability of funds in the 2005-2007 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program for public transportation services in rural communities where limited or no service is currently available; **and**

WHEREAS, the goals of the 2005-2007 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program are: a) to address deficiencies, b) provide a community benefit, c) preservation and enhancement, d) community connections, e) financial partnerships, and f) support coordination;
and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), a group tasked to develop a Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan of regional transit priorities for state and federal funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve of its Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan top priorities:

- 1) Sustain and enhance existing and connecting Squaxin Transit fixed and demand responsive transportation services in Mason, Grays Harbor, and Thurston Counties,
- 2) Replace two minibuses in order to sustain and enhance existing and connecting Squaxin Transit fixed and demand responsive transportation services in Mason, Grays Harbor, and Thurston Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal of a 2005-2007 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program application requesting \$450,000 to help fund \$750,000 in Squaxin Transit top priorities (\$500,000 for operations support and \$250,000 for minibus replacement).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby commit 2005-2007 biennium matching funds of \$300,000 for Squaxin Transit top priorities:

- 1) \$78,800 in-kind match to include \$28,800 Kamilche Transit Hub operations and \$50,000 Squaxin Transit 10% program management,
- 2) \$271,200 cash match to include \$221,200 to meet 50% operating match requirements and \$50,000 to meet 20% capital match requirements.

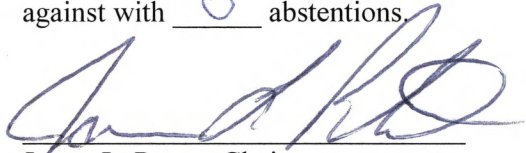
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director during an absence of the Executive Director, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the 2005-2007 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program application, and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

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CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 14 day of December 2006 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



James L. Peters, Chairman



Andrew D. Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by:


Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary