



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-44 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 supporting 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 Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), on behalf of Squaxin Island Tribe, contracted with LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. (LSC) to complete a Technical Assistance project; and

WHEREAS, the plan was to focus on public transportation needs, alternatives, and programs for the Squaxin tribal community; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe received a Transit Implementation Plan prepared by LSC recommending a preferred transit service plan developed in three phases. The

three phases will facilitate the coordination and development of the transit service under the Squaxin Transit program; and,

WHEREAS, Phase I includes the shift to a full demand-response system and the development of a vanpool program; and,

WHEREAS, an additional one bus, two vans, and a dispatch system will be needed to operate Phase I of the transit service; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced the availability of funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)) for capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the competitive ARRA TTP are to: a) preserve or create jobs, b) contribute to cleaning our environment through green purchases, c) retrofitting existing facilities, d) making public transportation opportunities available to more people, e) helping ease local fiscal problems; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island tribal Council does hereby authorize the Planning Department to submit an application for ARRA TTP funds to FTA requesting a total amount of \$225,661; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does authorize the use of funding to purchase a) one body-on chassis b) two modified vans c) dispatch system; and,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director during and absence of the Executive Director, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the ARRA TTP application, and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

CERTIFICATION


The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by phone poll, held on this 20 day of May 2009, at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Pete Krueger Sr., Secretary



Arnold Cooper, Vice-Chairman