

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 95- 24
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe by the authority of the Constitution and By-Laws 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 and By-Laws of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, and general welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribal Reservation residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation-Rural Mobility Program is soliciting applications for projects which will increase and improve access which links people in rural communities to basic services,


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve submission of an application to the Washington State Department of Transportation-Rural Mobility Program on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe to partner with Mason County Transit authority and Intercity Transit of Olympia to purchase two High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) for the purpose of (1) transporting employees from the Tribal residential area to the commercial zone, (2) transporting Youth to educational and recreational activities, (3) transporting Elder's to basic services within the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or the Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorities shall be for the duration of this project.

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 23rd day of March, 1995, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David E. Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:


Cal Peters, Vice Chairman


David Whitener Sr. Secretary

RURAL TRANSIT CONNECTIONS PROJECT

Squaxin Island Tribe

Rural Mobility Program

March 31, 1995

ABSTRACT

The Squaxin Island Tribe is seeking funding to purchase two High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) to transport Youth, Elders and Casino Employees. The Tribal reservation is located one mile from Highway 101 on the Old Olympic Highway and for individuals without their own transportation or those who require assistance with transportation this is a remote location.

Presently, the Tribe is developing an assessment of the road which connects the residential area to Highway 101 and to the Casino site which will employ over 200 people. A preliminary engineering design and SEPA report will be developed working closely with Mason County Public Works, Jerry Hauth, to assure consistency with County long-range plans for the road. The one-mile stretch of road will be placed on the County's Six Year Plan this year and could possibly be reconstructed in approximately seven years.

Until such time as the road can be reconditioned, the present conditions make travel by vehicle hazardous and pedestrian traffic dangerous. Usage of the road will increase dramatically over the next two years due to the construction of a 1.5 million dollar Cultural Center and a Tribal Health Center at the entrance to the residential area of the reservation, as well as the location of a major business employing 260 people at the foot of the road and leading into a major regional thoroughfare.

The two HOV's will be used to (1) transport Elder's to doctor appointments, to purchase basic necessities and for gatherings or workshops in the area, (2) transport Youth to Inter-Tribal events, educational opportunities, and to the library and pool in the summer months, and (3) to provide transportation to employees who do not have transportation as well as to reduce the number of employee cars in the parking lots.