



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-30 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 under the FY 2023 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Program to support FTA's goals and objectives through investments that (1) enhance safety, (2) renew transit systems, (3) reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the public transportation sector, (4) improve equity, and (5) connect communities and also supports the President's Building a Better America initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Bus Barn project has been a tribal priority since 2015 when it was determined that there was a need to have a transit bus storage facility to protect our assets (buses); and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes the need for a bus facility to house their buses in order to preserve our assets by protecting them from the outside elements, vandalism and theft; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRPTO), a group tasked to develop a Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan of regional transit priorities for state and federal funding and this project is consistent with PRTO's Strategy I "Maintain Existing Transportation Services" as stated on Page #33 of the HSTP; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve the submittal of the FY 2023 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Program for \$411,795.00 for the Squaxin Bus Barn Project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Administrator and Director of Operations, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the FY 2023 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Program 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 at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 13th day of June 2023 and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher K Peters

Kristopher K Peters (Jun 15, 2023 13:59 PDT)


Kristopher K. Peters, Chair

Jaimie Cruz

Jaimie Cruz (Jun 15, 2023 14:06 PDT)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice-Chair

Attested by:


Patrick Braese (Jun 15, 2023 14:00 PDT)

Patrick Braese, Secretary












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