



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-24

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, the Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including powers of self-government; 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 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 public 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 2023-2025 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 2023-2025 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program are: a) to address deficiencies, b) provide a community benefit, c) preservation or

enhancement, d) community connections, e) financial partnerships, f) support coordination and multimodal development; and g) maintain fleets; 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;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that that applicants for funding under the Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Program are required to provide a 50% match for operating requests and a 20% match for capital requests;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this correction is necessary to continue receiving Public transportation grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council commits up to \$224,139 for 2023-2025 biennium and \$239,828 for 2025-2027 biennium in matching funds for the operating grant and \$29,282 in matching funds for the capital grant;

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 2023-2025 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant 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 through a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28th day of March 2024 and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

Jeremie Walls
Jeremie Walls (Apr 1, 2024 10:55 PDT)
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Kristopher K. Peters, Chair

Attested by: *Marvin E. Campbell*
Marvin E. Campbell (Apr 1, 2024 09:36 PDT)
Marvin Campbell, Treasurer

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Jaimie Cruz, Vice-Chair


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