



**Squaxin Island Tribe**  
**2023 SQUAXIN BUS BARN FACILITY PROJECT**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT**  
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The Squaxin Island Tribe has secured funding for \$411,795 under the 2023 DOT (Department of Transportation) Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Public Transportation on Indian Reservations/Tribal Transit Competitive Grant Program for the construction of a new Bus facility.

The DOT FTA Tribal Transit Program (Federal Assistance Listing: 20.509) supports FTA's strategic goals and objectives through investments that (1) enhance safety, (2) renew our transit systems; (3) reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the public transportation sector, (4) improve equity, and (5) connect communities.

With funds provided under the FY 2023 FTA Competitive Tribal Transit Grant, the Squaxin Island Tribe will construct one new bus barn that will provide much needed space to adequately store our bus fleet. This project, once implemented, will assist Squaxin Transit in increasing the life of their vehicles by storing them in an enclosed facility where the buses are not exposed to outdoor environmental elements. In addition, having buses housed in a new enclosed facility will decrease the chance of theft and vandalism, and allow for easier maintenance and upkeep in our rainy climate.

The Department of Planning and Community Development has successfully completed similar projects such as construction of the Wellness Center/Pool expansion of the TLC, Water Reclamation Facility and the Slocum Ridge Phase II Housing project.

**Scope of Work**

The Tribe will conduct a competitive solicitation process to select a highly qualified contractor to construct the new facility. The Director of Planning and Community Development and the Construction Manager will work closely with the selected contractor's project manager throughout the process. Once all work has been completed, final inspections will be done to ensure that all work is performed in accordance with DOT FTA regulations.

**Service Area Population and Project Location**

The population to be served is the Squaxin Island Tribal community, members of the Squaxin Island Tribe and residents of the Kamilche area. The project area in Shelton, WA is located on the Squaxin Island Reservation about 16 miles West of Olympia, WA. The Squaxin Island Tribal Council has made the decision to locate the Bus Barn near the bus shed 100 feet west of 790 SE Klah Che Min Dr., Shelton, WA 98584. Please see location map on page #2 entitled **Figure 1 Bus Barn Site**.

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