


CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM:	
A Resolution Supporting the Tulalip Tribes' Application for Grant Funding Through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for Interchanges on Interstate 5	
PREPARED BY:	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
Jeff Laycock, PW Director	
DEPARTMENT:	
Public Works	
ATTACHMENTS:	
Resolution Letter of Support	
BUDGET CODE:	AMOUNT:
SUMMARY: The Tulalip Tribes are the lead and sponsor of the I-5/4 th Street and I-5/88 th St NE interchange improvement project. The project is currently at 30% design. Based on the project estimate, there is a funding shortfall of approximately \$15M. The project is funded in part by Connecting Washington and the Tulalip Tribes. The Tulalip Tribes will be submitting a grant application through the federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, which is a new program established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Grant applications are due on October 13, 2022. The Tulalip Tribes have requested a letter of support from the City, as attached, to submit with their application. The attached Resolution authorizes Council support for the grant request.	

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute Resolution No. _____.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE,
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE TULALIP TRIBES' APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES
PILOT PROGRAM FOR INTERCHANGES ON INTERSTATE 5.**

WHEREAS, the interchanges at 4th Street and 88th Street on I-5 experience significant traffic backups; and

WHEREAS, the backups inconvenience residents and travelers, increase pollution with slow and stopped traffic, interfere with shipping and supply chains, delay emergency responses times, and increase the probability of traffic accidents and injuries; and

WHEREAS, these interchanges and road connectivity are also affected by the adjacent railroad which increases traffic delays and separates the Tulalip Reservation from the City of Marysville; and

WHEREAS, the federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is intended to restore community connectivity through redesigning and replacing transportation infrastructure facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tulalip Tribes have taken a lead role in redesigning these interchanges to increase traffic flow, reduce safety issues, and increase connectivity with adjoining communities including the City of Marysville; and

WHEREAS, the Tulalip Tribes have funded design and secured additional State funds through Connecting Washington for the project; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to fully fund the project the Tulalip Tribes will apply for a grant to improve these interchanges through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant would benefit the Tulalip Tribes, the City of Marysville, adjoining communities, and interstate travelers utilizing I-5; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its support for the Tulalip Tribes' grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE that this resolution memorializes the City Council's support of the Tulalip Tribes' application for funding from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE that City staff should forward this resolution and any other relevant documentation to the appropriate agencies in support of the Tribes' application.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By _____
JON NEHRING, MAYOR

Attest:

By _____
, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By _____
JON WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

To be placed on city letterhead

Dear Reconnecting Communities grant selection committee,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Marysville, Washington, to express my support for the Tulalip Tribes' application for funds to restructure both 4th and 88th streets on the reservation where they intersect with I-5. The City of Marysville has worked actively with the Tribes, as well as Snohomish County, to find solutions for the persistent unsafe backups that occur in these areas, which disrupt the flow of resident, shipping, and tourist traffic along I-5 and around the reservation. Based on our previous success completing improvement projects on I-5, we have every reason to believe this project will be successful in improving traffic flow and allowing for better ease of movement between the reservation and Marysville, improving the economy for both communities.

The City of Marysville has been actively working with the Tulalip Tribes on traffic analysis, safety studies, and project plans. We will continue to support this project by exploring local, state and federal funding opportunities and contributing city personnel to the project team. The primary City of Marysville point of contact on this project will be Max Phan, PE; Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer.

The Tulalip Tribes have demonstrated great leadership by applying for this grant. A case in point; since 2019 they have led the alternatives development and selection with the City of Marysville, Snohomish County, WSDOT and FHWA. Alternative selection has been approved by all parties and the 30% plans have been completed. ESA consultation with the services has been initiated and NEPA is scheduled for completion in early 2023. This project is well on it's way to be ready to advertise for construction in January 2024.

We are dedicated to maintaining our collaboration all the way through project completion, as we believe that these improvements will make life better for everyone living in our region, including drivers, bicyclists, bus passengers, and pedestrians. We also believe the relieved congestion on I-5 will encourage more tourists to stop at both the reservation and Marysville and encourage residents of these areas to go between these two locations for shopping, dining, and recreation. Finally, this project should create better ease of shipping locally, regionally, and to Canada.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact using the phone or email below.

Sincerely,

_____(name)
_____(position)
_____(email)
_____(phone)