

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 003/2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONROE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR A
CAPACITY STUDY OF US-2

WHEREAS, US Highway 2 (US-2) is an east-west United States federal highway spanning from Everett, Washington in the west to St. Ignace, Michigan in the east; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 is one of three all-season mountain passes serving east/west statewide travel, with high levels of freight and recreational mobility demands from the Port of Everett to Wenatchee, Spokane and beyond; and

WHEREAS, US 2 is primarily a two-lane highway from State Route 9 in Snohomish County to State Route 207 in Chelan County; and

WHEREAS, US 2 is a "Main Street" highway in multiple locations, serving the cities of Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, Skykomish, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Wenatchee and others; and

WHEREAS, during peak capacity, local residents between Monroe and Skykomish are unable to leave their homes due to the level of congestion on US-2; and

WHEREAS, US-2 was not built to sustain the population growth experienced in the Greater Puget Sound region and accompanying increase in travelers; and

WHEREAS, major improvements are needed to US-2 to increase capacity for freight mobility; and

WHEREAS, safety is also a key need on this section of US 2, with approximately one-third of crashes over the past ten years occurring in and around Monroe; and

WHEREAS, there are also a considerable number of crossover crashes on this stretch of US 2, with a number of crashes resulting in fatalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the City of Monroe supports the goal to bring much needed attention and funding to address capacity improvements on US Highway 2 from State Route 9 to State Route 207 in Chelan County; and

THAT, the City of Monroe supports the request by the Washington State Department of Transportation and the US 2 Safety Coalition for \$1.4 million to identify capacity and safety improvements in partnership with the cities of Snohomish, Sultan,

Gold Bar, Index, Skykomish, Leavenworth, Wenatchee, and other communities along the corridor; and,

THAT, the City of Monroe supports the proposed goals of the US-2 Study to:

- Identify improvements to increase accessibility and safety,
- Improve multimodal efficiency of the highway system,
- Improve freight mobility and economic vitality, and
- Protect and enhance the natural environment.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 25th day of February, 2020.

Approved: February 25, 2020
Effective: February 25, 2020

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

(SEAL)



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk