

RESOLUTION NO. 1749

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR WSDOT'S FASTLANE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PUGET SOUND GATEWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the completion of the SR 167 freeway through Fife is substantially funded through "Connecting Washington" legislation approved in 2015. The legislature appropriated just under \$1 billion towards the project, for which the estimated total cost is approximately 1.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, the appropriated amount is adequate to complete the mainline freeway between its existing terminus at Meridian/SR 161 in Puyallup and the existing SR 509 frontage roads just east of Port of Tacoma Road in Tacoma. This includes the entire mainline section through Fife. The funding is not adequate to construct all of the interchanges or the High Occupancy Vehicle lanes included in the final Environmental Impact Statement for the project, or in the total project budget; and

WHEREAS, the legislature approved the funding for SR 167 in conjunction with its approval of the funding of SR 509 around the SeaTac Airport. The two projects are collectively "The Puget Sound Gateway Corridor" ("Gateway") and are being managed and will be built concurrently; and


WHEREAS, WSDOT is in the process of preparing an application for federal funds for the Gateway project, through the "Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies" (FASTLANE) program. The FASTLANE application will be for approximately \$100 million and will be for the early stages of both the SR 167 and SR 509 projects; and

WHEREAS, for the SR 167 project these early stages include the relocation of the 70th Avenue East/I-5 bridge, the SR 167/I-5 interchange, and the SR 167 main line connection to SR 509. The majority of this work will be within the City of Fife, and all of this work will benefit the City of Fife. The relocation of 70th Avenue East will include the replacement of the existing 2-lane bridge over I-5, removing an existing bottleneck in the Fife street system. The SR 167/I-5 interchange and the SR 167 main line connection with SR 509 will provide an alternate truck and general purpose route between point north of Fife, the Port of Tacoma, and downtown Tacoma; now therefore

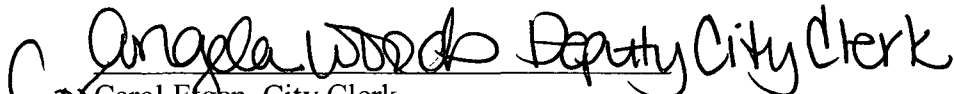
BE IT RESOLVED that the Fife City Council declares its strong support for the Washington State Department of Transportation's FASTLANE grant application, and urges the United States

Department of Transportation to approve the application and award the requested grant funds for the Puget Sound Gateway Corridor Project.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 13th day of December 2016.


Winston E. Marsh, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Angela Woods Deputy City Clerk
For Carol Egen, City Clerk