

**RESOLUTION NO. 1609**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON  
REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF THE  
SNOQUALMIE PARKWAY AS PART OF  
STATE ROUTE 18 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER  
47.24 OF THE REVISED CODE OF  
WASHINGTON; AND PROVIDING FOR  
OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie is a noncharter code City operating under Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, under RCW 35A.11.020 the Snoqualmie City Council has been granted “all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution of this state, and not specifically denied to code cities by law”; and

**WHEREAS**, “by way of illustration and not in limitation, such powers may be exercised in regard to the acquisition, *sale, ownership, improvement, maintenance, protection*, restoration, regulation, use, leasing, disposition, vacation, abandonment or beautification *of public ways*. . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snoqualmie owns certain real property known as the Snoqualmie Parkway, which connects I-90, State Route 18 and State Route 202; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parkway has recently been estimated to carry a mid-week average daily traffic volume of 11,800 – 14,700 vehicles, a substantial portion of which are heavy truck trips; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Pavement Condition Index indicates poor ratings (ranging from 48-63) for the different segments of the Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, a November, 2020 analysis by outside traffic consultants Fehr & Peers concluded that “truck traffic results in 95% of the pavement damage on Snoqualmie Parkway, with 81 percent of all truck trip ends being outside of Snoqualmie. This result demonstrates the impact of regional travel patterns on pavement degradation on Snoqualmie Parkway”; and

**WHEREAS**, City representatives have worked with 5<sup>th</sup> District legislators to identify potential state funding for the rehabilitation of Snoqualmie Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the current pending state Transportation Capital Budget includes a \$5 million appropriation for Snoqualmie Parkway rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of the \$5 million appropriation and future amounts for Parkway asphalt overlay may be enhanced if the Snoqualmie Parkway were to be designated as part of the state highway system; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 47.24.010 specifies a process by which Washington State Department of Transportation (“WSDOT”) may determine, between July 1 and July 15 annually, which particular streets located in incorporated cities and towns are designated to form a part of the route of state highways and thereafter be constructed and maintained by WSDOT at state expense; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 47.24.020 allocates responsibility for various portions of the rights-of-way of city streets that are designated as part of the state highway system, while other aspects of such responsibility may subject to a cooperative between a city and WSDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snoqualmie City Council desires to authorize the Mayor submit a formal request to WSDOT to designate the Snoqualmie Parkway as part of State Route

18, subject to a cooperative agreement between the City and WSDOT negotiated by the Mayor and Administration and approved by the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington does hereby resolve as follows:

**Section 1. Authorization and Request for Cooperative Agreement.** The Snoqualmie City Council hereby authorizes and requests that the Mayor and Administration negotiate, and present to the City Council for review and approval, a cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (“WSDOT”) pursuant to RCW 39.34, RCW 47.04.080-.081, RCW 47.24.020 and other applicable law, concerning allocation of responsibility, control, maintenance obligations, future improvements (including intersection realignments) and similar details that would apply if the Snoqualmie Parkway is designated as part of the state highway system and State Route 18.

**Section 2. Authorization for Request to Designate Snoqualmie Parkway As Part of State Route 18.** The Snoqualmie City Council hereby authorizes and requests that the Mayor and Administration submit a formal request to the Washington State Department of Transportation to designate the Snoqualmie Parkway as part of State Route 18 pursuant to RCW 47.24.010 and subject to the cooperative agreement authorized and requested in Section 1 above.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage, in accordance with state law.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any portion of this Resolution are found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section of this Resolution.


**Section 5. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this Resolution, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or resolution numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Katherine Ross, Mayor

  
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Deborah Estrada, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form

  
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Bob C. Sterbank  
City Attorney