RESOLUTION NO. 935

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF STATE ROUTE 520 WEST LAKE SAMMAMISH PARKWAY INTERCHANGE TO STATE ROUTE 202 PROJECT

WHEREAS, State Route (SR) 520 is an critical regional transportation corridor for the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) initiated improvements to SR 520 from West Lake Sammamish Parkway to SR 202, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond strongly supports the construction of all phases of the SR 520 improvements, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has worked with the Washington State Department of Transportation and other participants in the planning and financing of the SR 520 improvements, including the NE 76 Street extension, and

WHEREAS, the entering volume of traffic at the intersection of SR 520 and SR 202 has steadily increased to an approximate level of 75,000 cars each weekday (1992) and continues to increase each day, and

WHEREAS, there have been over 100 reported accidents on SR 520 and at the intersection of SR 520 and SR 202 in the past three years, and

WHEREAS, the current level of service at the SR 520 and SR 202 intersection is "F", the completion of this

project will improve the level of service at the intersection of a "D" or better rating, and

WHEREAS, there are no other viable alternatives to move this traffic through or around Redmond, and

WHEREAS, the long queues and significant delays caused by the existing SR 520 and SR 202 intersection result in air pollution which adversely affects the region, significant reductions in response time for emergency services and has a detrimental effect on the commerce of the Redmond downtown area, and

WHEREAS, delays in the completion of the original SR 520 extension rsulted in the significant delay in the completion of the N.E. 51 Street interchange and the redesign of the Sammamish River bridge which both were directly responsible for significant loss of life, serious injuries and property damage, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is expressly concerned for safety on SR 520 and that additional accidents will occur before the SR 520 improvements are implemented, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To encourage the Washington State Legislature and Department of Transportation to continue support and funding for the SR 520 improvements, including the widening of the bridge over the Sammamish River and the interchange at SR 520 and SR 202.

Section 2. To encourage the Washington State Department of Transportation to make the completion of all stages of this project an urgent priority and to allocate funding for their completion as soon as possible.

Section 3. To direct City of Redmond staff to work with Washington State Department of Transportation staff and interested citizens to help satisfactorily complete the environmental review process and design for this project and issue all necessary permits as soon as possible.

RESOLVED this 6th day of April, 1993.

CITY OF REDMOND

WARREN APPLETON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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