

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 407**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE ROADWAY CORRIDOR AND TO ENTER INTO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PART I OF THE EAST/WEST ROAD.

PART I - SR-16 TO PEACOCK HILL AVENUE THROUGH THE ROUTE IDENTIFIED AS ALTERNATIVE 3 WITHIN PIERCE COUNTY'S ENTRANCO ENGINEERS STUDY

PART II - PEACOCK HILL AVENUE TO CRESCENT VALLEY

WHEREAS, existing commuters from Peacock Hill continually request of the County an alternative access to SR-16 without the need to go through the City; and,

WHEREAS, steep-slope truck traffic up and down Peacock Hill Avenue and through the City should be reduced for safety improvement and for noise abatement; and,

WHEREAS, the deterioration of city streets is currently exacerbated beyond normal limits by existing county development off Peacock Hill Road, which has resulted in heavy truck and auto traffic through Peacock Hill and the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Entranco traffic engineering study by Pierce County indicates 3,400 current Peacock Hill daily vehicle trips and 6600 Peacock Hill daily vehicle trips by the year 2010 on City of Gig Harbor streets without the construction of Part I; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor's city-conducted 1992 traffic study suggests more rapid and pronounced Peacock Hill traffic growth than the Entranco study; and,

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Hearings Examiner Case No. AE20-91/Swede Hill Corridor EIS found that the EIS was adequate for the purposes of establishing the road corridor from the Swede Hill interchange to Peacock Hill Avenue NW; and,

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Hearings Examiner approved the Environmental Impact Statement for the route between Peacock Hill and Swede Hill Interchange; and,

WHEREAS, environmental concerns as defined in the State Environmental Policy Act have been satisfied prior to the establishment of Part I of the corridor; and,

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WHEREAS, immediate action on the final design plan of Part I is requested by the owners of Gig Harbor North, by all elected representatives of the residents of the City of Gig Harbor, by many residents of the Peacock Hill area, and by the neighborhoods adjacent to Gig Harbor's North Harborview, Harborview, and Stinson Avenues; and,

WHEREAS, the Peninsula School District needs a suitable future site in this area for both an elementary school and a middle school, and Alternative 3 would allow the school to proceed with their plans; and

WHEREAS, the substantial portion of cost of construction of Part I would be borne by private interests; and,

WHEREAS, the developers of Gig Harbor North are committed to work with the City, the school district, the neighborhoods, and Pierce County to determine the exact design of the Alternative 3 corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington:

That the City of Gig Harbor request the Pierce County Council to support the selection of the Alternative 3 corridor from the Swede Hill Interchange to Peacock Hill Avenue at 112th Street (described as Part I in this resolution). And further, that the Pierce County Council direct the County Executive to authorize Pierce County Public Works to work with the City of Gig Harbor and all affected property owners to complete the design and construction of this Swede Hill to Peacock Hill route as soon as possible.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 1994.

ATTEST:

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

Mark E. Hoppen
City Administrator/Clerk

Filed with City Clerk:
Passed by City Council: