

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 20-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING THE
EFFORTS OF THE US-W COALITION AND 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, WA in the west to St. Ignace, MI in the east; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 is one of two major east-west connectors for freight and statewide travel from Everett to Wenatchee, Spokane, and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, US 2 is a T-1 Freight Corridor carrying more than 10 million tons of freight per year. It is the primary freight corridor when I-90 is closed due to weather conditions or accidents; and,

WHEREAS, US-2 runs through multiple cities and towns in the Sky Valley as a main thoroughfare; and,

WHEREAS, 18,000 vehicles per day travel on US 2 from Hwy 9 to Stevens Pass reaching volumes beyond its capacity during peak periods and even more on weekends and holidays; and,

WHEREAS, during peak capacity, local residents between Monroe and Index experience difficulty in leaving their homes due to the level of congestion; 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, US-2 overflow and traffic congestion causes specific backups in the City of Gold Bar, WA that at times double the daily traffic on rural roads not intended for such high traffic volume; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar WA experiences gridlock due to highway overflow that can make it difficult to receive emergency services such as fire and medical assistance; and,

WHEREAS, major improvements are needed to US-2 to address current capacity and safety concerns as well as considerations for future growth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Gold Bar as follows.

- Section I City of Gold Bar Support**
- Section II Severability**
- Section III Effective Date**

Section I, City of Gold Bar Support

The City of Gold Bar supports the goals of the US-2 Coalition to bring much needed attention and funding to the capacity and safety concerns on US Highway 2.

The City of Gold Bar supports the US-2 Coalition's proposal for a \$1 million study to identify capacity and safety improvements to US-2 from the Port of Everett to Steven's Pass.

The City of Gold Bar supports the proposed goals of the US-2 Study to identify improvements to:

- Increase safety
- Reduce congestion and improve efficiency of the highway system
- Improve freight mobility and economic vitality
- Protect and enhance our natural environment

Section II, Severability

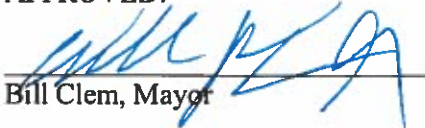
This resolution is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section III, Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect from, and after, its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Resolved this 18th day of February, 2020.

APPROVED:


Bill Clem, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Denise Beaton, Office Manager