CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

RESOLUTION NO. 95-3

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that continued increased traffic from accumulative land use impacts adjacent to City Boundaries is intensifying; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Transportation owns SR 92 which bisects the City of Granite Falls and its existing business district; and

WHEREAS, the road is heavily used by commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City's economy and quality of life are negatively impacted by the presence of such through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the heavy commercial traffic passes directly by city schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing and future traffic at its present location presents a very real and serious safety hazard to the students and general populous of our community; and

WHEREAS, the present road location is incompatible and inconsistent with existing and desired land uses under the City's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, time for acquisition of right-of-way land for an alternate alignment has become critical under the areas continuing growth; and

WHEREAS, US Forest Service improvements to the Mountain Loop Scenic Highway are being made; and

WHEREAS, the heavy commercial traffic use negatively impacts the economic opportunities of tourism for our struggling business community; and

WHEREAS, the present road location prevents the City from reaching its economic potential; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Transportation has cooperatively worked with other cities in Snohomish County to plan for mitigating the impacts of state facilities; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation's own Policy Plan states that it shall minimize the impact of its facilities on the host communities; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing and eager to work cooperatively with Washington State Department of Transportation to help meet the mutual goals of both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The goal of the City of Granite Falls is to relocate SR 92 away from its main commercial street to an alternate alignment.
- 2. The City of Granite Falls believes that Washington State Department of Transportation as the owner and operator of the road should finance a feasibility study of alternate alignments.

Said Resolution was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 14 day of _______, 1995.

Approved by the Mayor this 4 day of June, 1995.

MAYOR

Attest:

Clark