

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Barbara Brenner				7/18/95	County Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	DG	7/21/95			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Center-Line Median on the Guide Meridian.

ATTACHMENTS:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: *Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project:	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

7/18/95: Substitute approved 6-0

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Starkenbug and Brenner

INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/18/95

RESOLUTION NO. 95-042

REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO RECLASSIFY THE ROUTE ACCESS CONTROL
CLASSIFICATION FOR THE GUIDE MERIDIAN (SR-539)

WHEREAS, the Guide Meridian is presently classified by the State of Washington for the purpose of access management as a Class 2 and 3 facility, and

WHEREAS, a Class 2 facility must, by State law, be designed to incorporate a raised median and a Class 3 facility recommends a raised median, and

WHEREAS, a Guide Meridian land use study, funded partially by the State of Washington Department of Transportation is nearly completed and will be followed up with a circulation plan,

WHEREAS, the land use study will recommend land uses that could be accommodated by a more flexible approach than a center raised median, and

WHEREAS, many public meetings have been held regarding traffic and safety issues on the Guide Meridian, and

WHEREAS, any perceived improved safety from a raised median can be attained through other means, and

WHEREAS, a raised median will require complex off right-of-way truck turn-arounds on the intersecting County Roads, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation has stated that the Department could consider other options, rather than a raised median on Guide Meridian, if a route access control reclassification is requested by the County Council, and

WHEREAS, given the above considerations, it would be more appropriate to allow the State Department of Transportation more design flexibility than that allowed by the present access management classification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council requests that the Washington State Department of Transportation work with County staff

1 to reclassify the Guide Meridian to allow design flexibility consistent with local desires and
2 land use plans.

3 APPROVED this 18 day of July, 1995.

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5 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

6 Marina McAllister
7 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Robert A. Imhof
Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved Denied

9 Daniel L. Gibson
10 Civil Deputy Prosecutor