

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY  
AND LOCAL ACCESS ALONG STATE ROUTE 20

WHEREAS, the State Route 20 highway (SR20) provides the major transportation link from the mainland to Anacortes and Fidalgo Island, and the only land access to Whidbey Island, and

WHEREAS, SR20 divides Anacortes and Fidalgo Island, without provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross the highway, effectively preventing citizens on one side of the highway from getting to the other side, and without safe highway access or any alternate route for local traffic in many locations, and

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling as viable transportation modes are supported by current environmental, economic, societal, and health factors and increasingly utilized by residents, commuters, and visitors, and

WHEREAS, WSDOT is planning major improvements at the Sharpe's Corner intersection which initially included provisions for bicycle and pedestrian crossings that have now been dropped from the plans, and it is irresponsible to spend over \$20 million to improve motor vehicle flow while making it impossible for anyone who is not in a vehicle to safely and legally pass through this intersection, and

WHEREAS, planning projections for SR20 assume increasing vehicular traffic but do not address an increase in other transportation modes stimulated by environmental and economic factors, which could reduce vehicle usage and make simpler, less costly intersection improvement options feasible, and

WHEREAS, changes in the Sharpe's Corner area cannot be addressed in isolation, but must consider the entire SR20 corridor east, west, and south of that intersection, including safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists, and breaks in the traffic flow to allow local access, and

WHEREAS, other cities and countries around the world recognize the importance of planning for alternative means of transportation, and WSDOT has an opportunity to make the SR20 corridor a model for excellence in such planning,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANACORTES that the Sharpe's Corner highway improvements must balance safety considerations equally among conventional vehicles, public transportation, slower-speed personal vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles and alternative transportation features must be accommodated along the entire SR20 corridor. Anything less will be unacceptable to the City of Anacortes.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2008.

City of Anacortes

By \_\_\_\_\_  
H. Dean Maxwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Steven D. Hoglund, City Clerk