



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-028

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE
REPAIR OF THE WASHOUT ON THE OLD CASCADE HIGHWAY WEST OF THE
MILLER RIVER BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Miller River washed out a portion of the Old Cascade Highway, destroying the only alternative access route for Highway 2 through Skykomish and dividing the community; and

WHEREAS, the Old Cascade Highway holds great historical significance and is designated a King County Historic and Scenic Corridor as Cascade Scenic Highway (King County Road No. 999); and

WHEREAS, physical risks to the area resulting from lack of road repair are significant, costly, and potentially hazardous including (1) continued and further erosion of the east and west banks of the Miller River at that site; (2) potential structural compromise due to river current of the railroad bridge still in use a short distance downstream; (3) potential compromise to the power/communication lines that cross the washout to serve the residents in that area; and

WHEREAS, emergency closures of Highway 2 can result in (and have resulted in) denial of passage to residents and travelers for medical services, jobs, school, postal services including required medications, necessities, and being home; and

WHEREAS, the negative social, safety, and equity impacts due to the washout physically divides our community; and

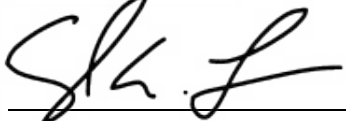
WHEREAS, 20 trains per day run the Burlington Northern Railroad mainline through the center of Skykomish causing planned and unplanned train stoppages which block both main exits from town. When both main exits are blocked Emergency First Responders and residents are trapped;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council strongly support repairs to that critical washout infrastructure and restoration of road access across the Miller River.


APPROVED this 21st day of June, 2023.



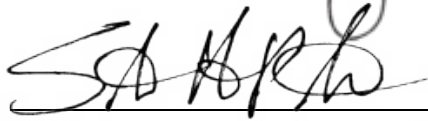
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Council Chair



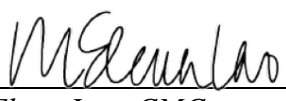
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