**Washington Ave. N Project - Phase 2**

**Project Description**
This project will complete the construction of the Washington Ave N Project - Phase 2. The first phase was completed in 2019, with the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of SR161 and Center St. This second construction phase will begin where the first phase terminated and extends the improvements up to Lynch Creek Rd.

The primary goal for this project is to construct the improvements along SR 161 to include ADA compliant pedestrian facilities, illumination, landscaping and civic amenities. The project will create a physical separation from traveling vehicles on SR161 through the implementation of street trees, installing pedestrian lighting throughout the corridor to improve safety, upgrading the existing crosswalk facilities at the intersections and modifying existing curb returns at the intersection to provide adequate turning radii for the large number of trucks that use the corridor. The project will also include installation of a rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of Carter St, which will provide a safer crossing for students of Eatonville Middle School and Eatonville Elementary School.

**Project Evaluation Criteria for PSRC’s 2019 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program**

1. **Local and Regional Policy Support**
   - Project identified in the Eatonville Comprehensive Plan and Town’s Six-Year TIP
   - Past planning efforts included input and support from National Park Service, WSDOT, and Pierce County Public Works
   - PSRC support since 2005

2. **Mobility, Accessibility, and Safety**
   - Upgrades pedestrian facilities to current accessibility standards
   - Improves safety by providing new illumination throughout corridor

3. **System Performance and Innovative Solutions**
   - Provides new RRFB for safer crossings and service to Eatonville Elementary and Middle Schools
   - Turning radii at the intersections increased to accommodate logging trucks and other larger vehicles

4. **Social Equity, Environmental Justice, and Public Health**
   - Benefits all populations equally by improving pedestrian accessibility, safety and quality of Eatonville’s Town Center

5. **Project Readiness and Financial Plan**
   - Engineering and Environmental are completed
   - WSDOT Channelization Plan approved
   - ROW will be completed in 2019
   - PSRC funding request ($6.9%) = $2,145,200
   - City match (13.5%) = $334,800

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SR 161 Washington Avenue North Corridor Streetscape Project
2019 RTCC Funding
WSDOT Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Gribi:

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), I would like to express our support for the town of Eatonville’s grant proposal to seek Rural Town Center and Corridors (RTCC) funding. The project will include streetscape, sidewalks, crosswalks, and signalization improvements along Washington Ave (SR-161) from the intersection of Lynch Creek Road through the intersection of Center Street.

Therefore, based on the conceptual information provided to us to date, WSDOT supports the Town of Eatonville’s request for the RTCC grant funding provided that these improvements meet all applicable WSDOT design and construction requirements, including all applicable American with Disabilities Act requirements, for any work that occurs within the SR 161 highway right-of-way.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this project. If you have any questions please contact me at (360) 357-2798 or email at schuelj@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
JoAnn Schueler, PE
Assistant Regional Administrator for Multimodal Development and Delivery

JS:ds
Enclosure

cc: Bryan Dias, PE - WSDOT
    Steve Kim, PE - WSDOT
Josh Brown
1011 Western Ave
Seattle WA 98104

Re: Rural Town Centers and Corridors 2019 Grant Cycle

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am writing this letter in support of the Town of Eatonville’s PCRC application for the Rural Town Centers and Corridors 2019 grant cycle. The Town of Eatonville is in my district and has been working since 2007 to bring this project to fruition. They have recently completed a construction phase to install a traffic signal and begin the street scape portion of the project.

This project has already made a positive impact on both members of the community and tourists, providing better traffic wait times and safer pedestrian crossings. Being a historic logging community, the Town is working to revive its heritage while looking toward future economic development. This project creates better pedestrian access and safety as there are two schools bordering the project and another only a block away, as well as several businesses located in this core area.

Aiding the flow of traffic experienced by this region due to its proximity to Mt. Rainier National Park, and the positive economic impact that this project could bring to Eatonville, is, I believe, worth the investment.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

In service,

Andrew K Barkis
State Representative 2nd District
360-786-7824
June 12, 2018

Puget Sound Regional Council
Rural Town Centers and Corridors
1011 Western Avenue Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: SR 161/Washington Ave N Corridor Streetscape Phase 2

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Town of Eatonville’s request for funding to complete Phase 2 of its SR 161/Washington Ave N Corridor Streetscape project. The Phase 2 area is located in the core of the downtown area, bordering both an elementary and middle school. Continuing construction will result in improved ADA access and safety for crossing the state highway. Furthermore, Phase 2 will improve walkability and enhance the entryway into Eatonville, making the town even more appealing to tourists heading to Mt. Rainier.

Every dollar provided for enhancements will make a meaningful difference with regard to Eatonville’s viability and vitality. I ask that you would grant their request so Phase 2 can get underway.

Sincerely,

JT Wilcox
Washington State Representative
2nd Legislative District

Cc: Town of Eatonville
Josh Brown
Puget Sound Regional Council
1011 Wester Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
RE: Eatonville SR 161 Streetscape RTCC Grant Application

Dear Mr. Brown,

This letter is in support of the Town of Eatonville’s grant application for the 2019 Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program. This would complete the SR 161 Streetscape Project that the Town has been working on since 2007.

The final phase of this project will not only construct wider, more pedestrian friendly sidewalks making the area safer for all of the school children and other pedestrians but also give the entire street a makeover to make the overall feel of coming into Eatonville much more welcoming to tourists encouraging them to stop and spend time in our wonderful community.

We believe the completion of this project will encourage the many tourists that pass-through town on their way to Mt. Rainier to stop and explore all the wonderful small businesses that Eatonville has to offer. The Eatonville Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the completion of this project as we have first-hand witnessed the impact that the phase 1 construction of this project has had. With the installation of the traffic signal, it has significantly reduced the backups we once had at the 4 way stop and alleviated the frustration of tourist making them more willing to visit Eatonville more often.

The Eatonville Chamber of Commerce is a 49 member organization that facilitates several events in town some bringing upwards of 7000 visitors to our small community, we feel the completion of this project will help better establish the identity of Eatonville of being a small but welcoming community that has strong roots of the logging community we once were.

We look forward to the completion of this project and all the possibilities it brings to our town.

Sincerely,

Alana Smith
Eatonville Chamber of Commerce President
March 19, 2019

Josh Brown  
Puget Sound Regional Council  
1011 Western Avenue  
Seattle, WA  98104

RE: Eatonville WA 161 Streetscape Project

Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the 2019 Rural Town Centers and Corridor Program/161 Streetscape Project for Eatonville, WA. I am in full agreement that this project would make our area safer for pedestrians.

The mission of Eatonville School District is “Together, We Commit to Inspiring Life Long Learners, To Create a Better Future” along with our values of Curiosity, Excellence, Responsibility, Character, Equity, and Diversity concur with the goal of this project which centers on safety for all.

This program, if funded, would benefit our community, and the safety of our school children while fulfilling the mission of this grant program:

With three schools impacted by this area, we would directly benefit by increased safety and improved security within the Town of Eatonville.

Thank you for considering the funding of this crucial project.

Sincerely,

Krestin Bahr,  
Superintendent of Eatonville School District #404  
360-879-1026