

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

A resolution regarding the Community Assembly recommendation that the City of Spokane create, maintain and utilize a city-wide Baseline Traffic Study.

WHEREAS, the external workgroup charged with assisting city staff in developing a Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance has determined that a baseline traffic study would be beneficial in determining an effective and defensible ordinance and related project list(s) and fee schedule(s);

WHEREAS, having baseline data available to developers will reduce the time required to develop background traffic data and determination of existing Level of Service, (LOS), on the system for independent off-site traffic impact studies. This information would help streamline the development process and give them more predictable time frames and costs;

WHEREAS, having baseline data available to developers will improve the City of Spokane's economic development competitive situation relative to the North Idaho and other neighboring jurisdictions which already provide such data to developers;

WHEREAS, having city controlled baseline traffic data used to determine transportation impacts by new development will serve to eliminate the neighborhood's current distrust of developer controlled traffic studies;


WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended that a baseline study would benefit developing neighborhood traffic calming projects;

WHEREAS, baseline traffic data will enable a sufficiently staffed Street Department to optimize traffic signal timing on an ongoing basis resulting in reduced traffic congestion, less wasted fuel, less air pollution, (carbon monoxide), and more efficient use of existing arterial capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE to recommend to the Mayor and to the City Council that funding for the resources necessary for the creation, ongoing maintenance and effective utilization of a Baseline Traffic Study be identified and allocated (See attached Technical Memo #1 provided as part of the Transportation Impact Fee Workgroup meetings).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city pursue as a legislative priority, that the state law governing the use of transportation impact fees be amended to allow the use of said fees to fund the ongoing maintenance of the baseline study data for the purposes of planning for future growth.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2007



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