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RE: Support for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Cowlitz Way & NW 41st Ave Roadway Departure upgrades.

On behalf of the Clark County Council, I am pleased to support the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's application for Systemic Roadway Departure Countermeasures of Cowlitz Way & NW 41st Ave in Ridgefield Washington.

Clark County is partnering with The Cowlitz Indian Tribe because both governments have similar long-term visions of protecting the residential communities surrounding the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Reservation.

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Reservation and Clark County are experiencing significant economic growth, resulting in increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic. These funds will provide the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and Clark County the opportunity to implement safety improvements to Tribal and County roads.

The existing roadway, is a rural county road serving residential and agricultural land uses only, is designed as a rural two-lane road with minimal opportunities for non-motorized travel. Specifically, this planning project would investigate turn-key transportation infrastructure improvements geared and designed to improve the safety of this corridor for the long-term programed buildout of this critical area on the reservation.

Clark County has partnered with The Cowlitz Indian Tribe for this grant application as we see a strong community benefit from this project.

Thank you for your consideration of the numerous benefits that the Cowlitz Tribe's project will provide, not only for its tribal members, but for the nearby rural residents and visitors to our community as well.

Sincerely,

Sue Marshall, County Council Chair, District 5