

RESOLUTION NO. 21-48

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STAFF TO SEEK BIDS FOR A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT INVOLVING HOV-LANE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, language was included in this year's State Transportation Budget to allow for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to oversee a demonstration project in one county, coordinating with a public transportation benefit area (PTBA) and the Department of Transportation (WSDOT), to test the feasibility and accuracy of the use of automated enforcement technology for high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane passenger compliance; and

WHEREAS, our legislative liaison, Dylan Doty, has been in contact with staff at WSDOT, the Traffic Safety Commission, and Washington State Patrol regarding a demonstration project to show the technological capabilities of potential photo enforcement of HOV-lane restrictions along a stretch of Highway 304 in Bremerton (Navy Yard Highway); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the demonstration project, an automated enforcement technology device may record an image of a driver and passenger of a motor vehicle and the participating county and PTBA must erect signs marking the locations where the automated enforcement for HOV passenger requirements is occurring; and

WHEREAS, this demonstration project is for research only; therefore, no warnings or notices of infraction will be issued and all photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of a driver or passengers will be destroyed no later than the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the PTBA, in consultation with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, must provide a report to the transportation committees of the legislature with the number of violations detected during the demonstration project, whether the technology used was accurate and any recommendations for future use of automated enforcement technology for HOV-lane enforcement by June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Transit finds this project extremely beneficial and would like to participate, including hiring a consultant to perform pre- and post-evaluation of the data and assist staff in producing the required report to the legislature; and

WHEREAS, authorization to award the bid will subsequently be brought forward to the Board of Commissioners for final approval in accordance with Kitsap Transit procurement policies and procedures; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to advertise and seek bids for a consultant to assist with a demonstration project involving HOV-lane photo enforcement.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of July, 2021.



Robert Putaansuu, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jill A. Boltz, MMC
Clerk of the Board