

**RESOLUTION NO. 611**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO COMPLETE PHASE I STREET GRID CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN CENTER DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, In 1998, The City of University Place (the City) adopted a Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map that called for the creation of a downtown revitalization effort, now called "Town Center;" and

**WHEREAS**, In 1999, following a series of public meetings, design workshops, and public processes, the City adopted a plan that establishes a vision for redevelopment of the City's central business areas, including core goals and principles; and

**WHEREAS**, The City continues to work toward a viable Town Center project that incorporates mixed-use, transit-oriented development and includes commercial, retail, residential, entertainment, lodging, higher education, and transportation components; and

**WHEREAS**, As a public/private initiative, the Town Center project satisfies numerous job creation and sustainable economic development goals for the City, while providing essential, long-term tax-revenue generating benefits for the City, the State of Washington, and the people they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, The City requires federal funding to complete its Phase I street grid component to increase connectivity and access to the existing Intermodal Transit Facility; improve the walkability in and around Market Square at the heart of the Town Center project; and more efficiently lead to other population centers in the South Sound Region; and


**WHEREAS**, The street grid is essential to the completion of the City Hall, the library, lodging and entertainment venues, the university building, and housing and retail components; and

**WHEREAS**, Street grid and building construction will generate 2,000 temporary construction and 4,000 permanent jobs at a time when unemployment in Pierce County is near seven percent.

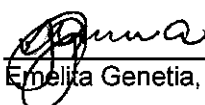
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council, through its city manager, will seek federal transportation funding to complete the Phase I street grid component of its Town Center project.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 2, 2009.**

  
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Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Emelita Genetia, City Clerk