

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 27-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND,
WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
FOR USE OF RURAL COUNTY CAPITAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE
CITY OF WEST RICHLAND AND BENTON COUNTY REGARDING
TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Benton County (hereinafter "County") has previously agreed to distribute certain funds received from the State of Washington that it has deposited in its Rural County Capital Fund (hereinafter "Fund") after April 1, 2016 for the financing of certain "public facilities [projects] serving economic development purposes" as contemplated by State statute (RCW 82.14.370) and in conformance with County policy (Resolution 2017-103, adopted January 31, 2017); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City of West Richland (hereinafter "City") are authorized, including under Chapters 39.33 and 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington, to contract with each other and other public agencies in order to effectively and efficiently operate, administer, and carry out their programs and public projects; and

WHEREAS, the City has tried for many years to foster economic development activity both in its downtown within the "Van Giesen Commercial Corridor" and on the Bombing Range Plateau with limited success; and,

WHEREAS, numerous deficiencies within and along the Van Giesen Commercial Corridor and Bombing Range Road Plateau exist that are impediments to new commercial development and the expansion of existing commercial development, including insufficient breaks in traffic flow that limits left turn movements and pedestrian crossings to access commercial businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Van Giesen (SR 224) is barrier that divides the downtown mix-used zoned properties and limits access to businesses during extended peak am and peak pm timeframes; and,

WHEREAS, the nearest traffic signals on West Richland's Van Giesen Commercial Corridor are located at Bombing Range Road and SR 240 and do not provide adequate breaks in traffic; and

WHEREAS, this project, combined with the previously RCCF-supported water system upgrades on Van Giesen, is part of a larger commitment by the City to focus on the Van Giesen downtown corridor with projects aimed at recruiting and retaining businesses; and

WHEREAS, for the above reasons the City intends to substantially upgrade the transportation system servicing the Van Giesen Commercial Corridor and Bombing Range Plateau as follows:

1) Design traffic signals for the intersection of Van Giesen (SR224) & S. 38th Ave and the intersection of Bombing Range Road & Mt. Adams View Drive; and ;

2) Complete environmental permitting for the construction of said traffic signals; and;

3) Acquire the necessary road right-of-way for the construction of said traffic signals; and

4) Construction of traffic signals at intersection of Van Giesen (SR 224) & S. 38th Ave and the intersection of Bombing Range Road and Mt. Adams View Drive.

WHEREAS, the above described improvements (the "Project") will assist in the recruitment of new businesses to a commercial corridor, which as of early 2018 had over 13.4 acres of vacant mix-use properties and two vacant commercial buildings totaling nearly 6,000 square feet 60 vacant lots targeted for development in an attempt to create approximately 134 retail/commercial jobs over the next ten years and positively impact sales, business and occupation, and property tax revenue for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested \$500,000.00 for the Project from that portion of the Fund allocated to it by the County to be reimbursed to the City by the County that will leverage its own funds (\$500,000.00); and

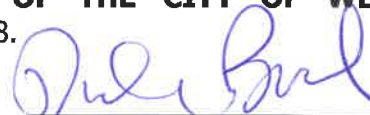
WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has recommended approval of said Disbursement Agreement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Richland, Washington, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Disbursement Agreement for use of Rural County Capital Funds by and between the City of West Richland and Benton County regarding the Van Giesen & S.38th Ave and Bombing Range & Mt. Adams View Traffic Signal Projects.

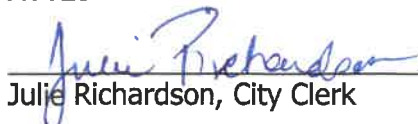
Section 2. This Resolution will take effect upon the date of approval and signature.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, this 4th day of September, 2018.



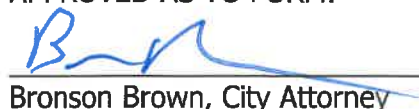
Rich Buel, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Julie Richardson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bronson Brown, City Attorney