

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing an Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for Flood Response at the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange.

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Yakima (City) have determined from the floods of February 2016 and March 2017 which closed US 12 - 40th Avenue Exits/Interchange that there is a need for cooperation between WSDOT and the City to coordinate flood response at this location; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the location of the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange is within the City's jurisdiction and that the City is the lead agency during a flood response; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT is the property owner of the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange and has agreed to allow the City to conduct certain flood fighting measures within the US 12-40<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange meant to divert flood waters that may be overflowing from Cowiche Creek and presenting an imminent threat to the City by entering into and flooding the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, Agreement GCB 2981 between WSDOT and the City, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, allows the City to utilize WSDOT property to stage material and equipment and to divert flood water away from homes and development by blocking the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange with flood berms and/or other materials with the intention of diverting said flood waters to the Naches River; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into Agreement GCB 2981 with WSDOT to protect the City of Yakima during a flood fight, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached and incorporated agreement to continue the cooperation between WSDOT and the City to deter flood water from reaching the US 12- 40th Avenue Interchange.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Kathy Coffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk