



# Orting Valley Fire and Rescue

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## Resolution 2023-002

### A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 URGING IMMEDIATE ACCIDENT MITIGATION ON STATE ROUTE 162 IN THE ORTING VALLEY.

**WHEREAS**, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue ("OVFR") serves approximately fourteen thousand (14,000) people in a thirty-one (31) square mile area that includes approximately nine (9) miles of State Route ("SR") 162, a two-lane road;

**WHEREAS**, the Orting Valley population has increased significantly over the past decade and OVFR has experienced a corresponding increase in emergency response times along SR 162;

**WHEREAS**, OVFR has responded to a forty-two percent (42%) increase in motor vehicle accidents ("MVAs") on SR 162 in 2018 - 2022 compared to 2013 - 2017.

**WHEREAS**, OVFR emergency service response calls have more than doubled since 2010, with nearly one hundred percent (100%) of OVFR responses requiring use of SR 162;

**WHEREAS**, SR 162's lack of a middle turn lane which allows vehicles to safely turn at various intersections has caused an increase in accidents and travel time along SR 162;

**WHEREAS**, without a middle turn lane, OVFR sometimes has to close SR 162 to safely respond to MVAs, and OVFR suffers delays in responding to other emergency response calls from traffic caused by drivers waiting to turn; and

**WHEREAS**, without immediate mitigation efforts, such as the installation of a middle turn lane between 128<sup>th</sup> St and Williams Blvd along SR 162, Orting Valley residents will continue to suffer increased emergency service response times and threats to their safety and wellbeing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. OVFR finds that SR 162, in its current condition, poses an immediate, significant risk to the health and safety of Orting Valley residents.
2. OVFR urges all SR 162 stakeholders to immediately implement accident mitigation measures on SR 162, including, but not limited to, installing a middle turn lane, as a third lane, on SR 162.

Adopted this 14th day of February 2023.

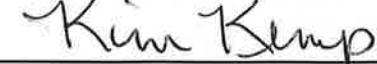
  
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