

RESOLUTION NO. 593

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY ROADS (Moore's Addn)

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1976, the Board of County Commissioners did pass and approve a Resolution of Intention to Establish a portion of Walnut Street, and a portion of 2nd Street, as shown on the Plat of Moore's Addition, Volume 4, Page 13 of Plats as recorded in the office of the Mason County Auditor, and a portion of Walnut Street lying in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, W.M., as County Roads; and

WHEREAS, after due Notice and Public Hearing, pursuant to law, and after careful consideration and study of the report submitted by the Mason County Engineer, finds that the establishment is a public necessity and practicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Board of Mason County Commissioners, that the above-mentioned roads be established as a part of the Mason County Road System, and the Mason County Engineer directed to proceed with said project according to the plans on file.

DATED this 12th day of April, 1976.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Frank E. Boyer
Auditor & Clerk of the Board

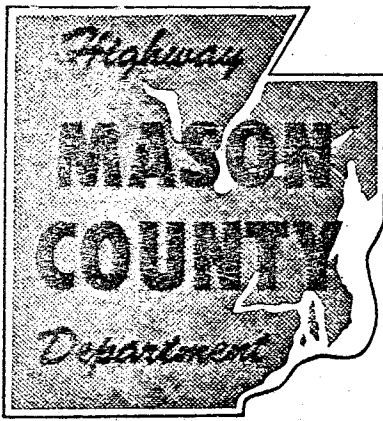
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April 5, 1976

Board of County Commissioners
Mason County Courthouse
Shelton, Washington

Re: Alley between Third and Second Streets
Block 3, Moore's Addn. to City of Shelton

Gentlemen:

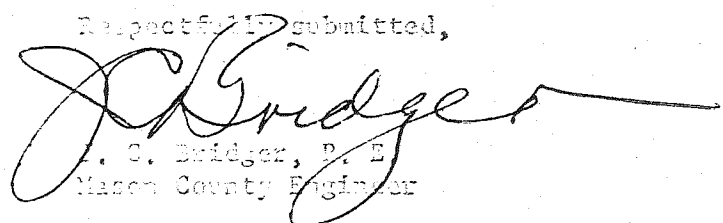
During the hearing on Monday, March 29, 1976 relative to the establishment of portions of Walnut and Second Streets as elements of the County Road System it was the contention of residents in the immediate area that the subject alley also has been maintained at public expense and used by the public for many years. This premise was held in doubt because the subject alley has never been an official part of the established county road system and whatever maintenance may have been done thereon was without the direction, knowledge or consent of either the Road Superintendent or the Engineer.

Further careful investigation reveals that several of county maintenance personnel have in fact over the past 15 or more years, at least, graded the subject alley from time to time. This has been done in good faith by the personnel involved because of imperfect communication, and no censure whatever is or will be directed at the individuals involved. Further, it is determined that the work on said alley was sufficient to be classed as "maintenance" under RCW 36.75.070.

For this reason it appears that the County has created, albeit accidentally, an obligation to assume the continuing maintenance of the subject alley. The oral objection on Monday, March 29, 1976 to the establishment of portions of Walnut and Second Streets is therefore withdrawn.

For the consideration of the Board it must be emphasized again that a 20-foot right-of-way is inadequate to contain a minimum-usage county road even in favorable terrain. For this reason it is strongly recommended that the Board consider the acquisition of an additional 10 feet of right-of-way on each side for a total minimum width of 40 feet. Otherwise, proper maintenance will be virtually impossible without encroaching on adjacent private property.

Respectfully submitted,


J. C. Bridger, P. E.
Mason County Engineer