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**May 20, 2005**

**City of Mount Vernon transfers ownership of Skagit Station to Skagit Transit.**

MOUNT VERNON – On May 11, 2005 the Mount Vernon City Council unanimously approved a Resolution declaring the Skagit Station facility as surplus, and also approved an Interlocal Agreement transferring ownership of Skagit Station to Skagit Transit.

On May 18, 2005 the Skagit Transit Board of Directors authorized its Chairman to execute the referenced Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon, and to take ownership of Skagit Station effective June 1, 2005.

Mayor Norris said “Skagit Transit ownership will result in a longer-term benefit to the City and the entire service delivery area”. Norris also said that “Spreading the costs of a regional transportation facility to the entire County, rather than just the citizens of Mount Vernon, was the right thing to do”.

The Skagit Transit facility cost approximately \$7.68 million to construct, and \$7.48 million was grant funding. All agencies that provided grant funds approved of the transfer.

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