



Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 authorizes the Mayor to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, Tukwila Municipal Code (TMC) Section 2.57.030 (1) empowers the Mayor to proclaim a state of emergency when an incident, whether natural or man-made, requires immediate responsive action to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the 42nd Avenue South Bridge is a 72-year-old steel-truss crossing that spans the Duwamish River near Highway 599; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at approximately 11:15 A.M. an over height semi-truck hit the 42nd Avenue South Bridge, causing damage to vertical and horizontal structures on the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the 42nd Avenue S. Bridge is a critical infrastructure that provides access to the Allentown neighborhood, the BNSF intermodal yard, Baker Commodities and serves as an east/west connection across the Duwamish River for the region, hosting 3,000 trucks and 7,000 passenger vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with City engineers, the King County bridge inspectors, the City's contract engineering firm, and a contractor with experience repairing such bridges, all agree that most prudent next step would be to immediately repair the bridge, while continuing the City's longer-term effort to fully replace the bridge by 2025; and

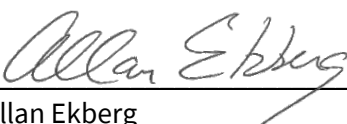
WHEREAS, while repair of the bridge will reduce impacts to the neighborhood of trucks rerouting in other areas, the City remains committed to working with the neighborhood to identify an alternative access for trucks servicing the intermodal yard; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor does hereby find that the recent damage to the Bridge constitutes an Emergency, as defined by TMC Section 2.57.020 and Revised Code of Washington 38.52.010;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in order to protect public safety and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency within the City of Tukwila; and that during the existence of said Emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the emergency organization of this city shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this city and approved by the Mayor on December 21, 2021. Said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Tukwila, State of Washington.

Executed this 21st day of December, 2021.



Allan Ekberg
Mayor