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Dear Mr. Butters:

Thank you for your letter of October 16 requesting approval to use Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on a blanket basis at uncontrolled pedestrian and school crosswalk locations statewide in Washington, including State highways and all local jurisdictions' roadways. Your request is made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2009 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and our Interim Approval memorandum IA-11 dated July 16, 2008.

Your request for use of RRFBs is approved, under the technical terms of the Interim Approval. This approval is granted on a blanket basis for all locations in Washington at which the Washington Department of Transportation and local highway agencies install RRFBs under the technical conditions contained in IA-11, at crossing locations that might be determined to be appropriate based on an engineering study. Please note that IA-11 does not allow the use of RRFBs at crosswalks across signalized or stop-controlled approaches.

Please develop and periodically update a list of all locations where RRFBs are installed in Washington. Local jurisdictions that install RRFBs under this Interim Approval should inform your office of such installations so you can maintain a comprehensive list of locations. Your specific approval has been numbered "IA-11.113 – RRFB – Washington DOT (Statewide)." Please reference this number in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving pedestrian safety. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please contact Mr. Bruce Friedman at bruce.friedman@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Mark R. Kehrli
Director, Office of Transportation
Operations