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Mark Kehrli
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Dear Mr. Kehrli:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Highways & Local Programs Division requests interim approval to install Optional Traffic Signal Photo Enforced Signs (R10-18a) for all jurisdictions within Washington State.

All jurisdictions choosing to implement R10-18a signs will do so under the four item requirements as stipulated in FHWA's Interim Approval Memorandum for the use of R10-18a signs, dated November 12, 2010. Each jurisdiction will maintain an inventory list of all locations where R10-18a signs are placed on their road system.

Each jurisdiction will agree to restore the site(s) of the interim approval to a condition that complies with the provisions in the MUTCD within three months following the issuance of a Final Rule on R10-18a signs. Each jurisdiction also agrees to terminate the use of R10-18a signs if the implementation of this interim approval creates any direct or indirect significant concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for interim approval.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Enders, P.E.
Technical Services Manager
Highways & Local Programs Division

cc: Don Petersen, FHWA – Washington State Division Office