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November 30, 2007

Karena Houser
WSDOT Policy Development & Regional Coordination
PO Box 47370
Olympia, WA 98504-7370

RE: City/Town Access Standards Status Form – Attachment for Section B

Dear Ms. Houser,

Per your request, the City of Kelso respectfully submits the following information detailing our progress toward adopting required access management standards:

The City of Kelso is working with our regional transportation providers and transportation planning partners, Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments, Cowlitz County, and the City of Longview, to develop a Regional Transportation System plan (RTSP) during FY 2008. The efforts for Kelso will include the adoption of an Access Management ordinance that complies with access permitting regulations for State highways within our city's jurisdiction.

Currently, the Kelso Municipal Code does not address all of the issues associated with access management and the issues that are addressed are scattered throughout the code. This results in staff and land use applicants searching through the code to find the requirements regarding access points. City code direction is minimal and ultimately defaults to the City Engineer as the access permitting authority. As the City Engineer, I attempt to reach a balance between the property access while preserving traffic flow. For WSDOT facilities, I reference the WSDOT Access Permitting on State Managed Access Highways standards for permitting guidance.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (360) 423-6590 or via email at sharon.zimmerman@kelso.gov

Sincerely,

Sharon E. Zimmerman, P.E.
City Engineer



Instructions: If your jurisdiction has adopted the required access permitting standards described in the enclosed letter, please complete Section A. If not, please complete Section B. Please submit the completed form with original signatures no later than November 30, 2007 to: Karena Houser, WSDOT Policy Development & Regional Coordination, PO Box 47370, Olympia, WA, 98504-7370. Thank you!

**SECTION A
CONFIRMING ADOPTION OF REQUIRED ACCESS PERMITTING STANDARDS:**

I, _____ confirm by my signature below that
Name of City Representative
_____ has adopted standards for access permitting on
City or Town
streets designated as state highways in Ordinance _____ adopted _____, _____ and
Number Month and Day Year
that these standards meet or exceed the access standards adopted by the Washington State Transportation in
Chapters 468-51 and 52 of the Washington Administrative Code (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac>).

Signature of City Representative Date

Title of City Representative

**SECTION B
DETAILING PROGRESS TOWARD ADOPTING REQUIRED STANDARDS:**

Please briefly describe (1) why your jurisdiction has not yet adopted the required access permitting standards for managed access state highways within city boundaries, (2) where your jurisdiction is in the process of adopting the required standards, and (3) what date you anticipate the required standards will be adopted.



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October 3, 2007

Mr. David Sypher
Director of Public Works, City of Kelso
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Dear Mr. Sypher:

In its 2007 session, the Washington State Legislature tasked WSDOT with inventorying how cities have implemented current laws for managing access on state highways within their boundaries. The Association of Washington Cities and WSDOT are collaborating to complete this task.

Established in 1991, current law requires cities and towns to be the permitting authorities for state managed access highways within their boundaries. Current law also requires cities and towns to adopt access permitting standards for these highways that meet or exceed the state's access standards.¹

The 2007 Washington State Legislature directed WSDOT to require your confirmation that the City of Kelso has adopted the required access permitting standards for the following managed access state highways within its boundaries:

State Route	Beginning Milepost	Ending Milepost	Current Access Classification	Planned Access Classification	Established Access Classification ²	WSDOT Region
4	60.79	60.89	M5	LM		Southwest
411	1.49	2.03	M4		LP	Southwest
411 Spur	1.67	1.93	M5			Southwest

To provide the legislature with the best possible information about the status of access management on state highways within cities, we strongly encourage you to:

- Review the enclosed state access standards,
- Review your jurisdiction's adopted ordinances,
- Confirm by your signature on the enclosed form that your adopted access permitting standards meet or exceed state access standards, or detail your progress towards adopting the required standards if they have not yet been adopted, and

¹ RCW 47.50.030(3)

² Limited access is established but access rights have not yet been entirely purchased.

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- Submit your confirmation, and a signed copy of the applicable ordinance to WSDOT at the address indicated on the form no later than November 30, 2007.

In 2008 and 2009, WSDOT will submit reports to the legislature detailing each jurisdiction's progress toward adopting the required access permitting standards. Our intent is to help cities and towns successfully demonstrate to the legislature their commitment to protecting the safety and capacity of the state highway system through good access management practices.

Please refer to the enclosed managed access information sheet for more information about access control on state highways and the progress report requested by the legislature. If you have any questions, please contact Karena Houser at (360) 705-7876 or HouserK@wsdot.wa.gov.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Robbins
Transportation Planning Manager
Washington State Department of Transportation



Ashley Probart
Transportation Coordinator
Association of Washington Cities

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Enclosure

cc: w/attachments
MPO/RTPO
WSDOT Region Office