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September 14, 2005

The Honorable Mary Margaret Haugen  
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee  
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The Honorable Ed Murray  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
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Dear Senator Haugen and Representative Murray:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Washington State Transportation Commission's recent action to adjust funds among certain projects funded in the 2003 Transportation Funding Package.

In the 2004 Supplemental Transportation Budget, the Legislature included proviso language (Section 503) allowing the Commission's adjustment of funds between projects contained in the 2003 Transportation Funding Package. Under this authority, the Department proposed adjustments for three highway projects this quarter, which the Commission approved at its August 2005 meeting. The three adjustments approved are as follows:

- I-5, S 48<sup>th</sup> to Pacific Ave – Core HOV, cost increase
- I-90, Ryegrass Summit to Vantage, cost increase
- SR 161, 204<sup>th</sup> Street to 176<sup>th</sup> Street, cash flow advancement

For your easy reference a summary table and brief statement of rationale are attached. These adjustments are also listed in the Beige Pages of the Gray Notebook (page 13). The dollar adjustment for each project along with a programmatic overview is included in the table. The specific reasons for each adjustment have also been provided in the Beige Pages of the Gray Notebook under the section titled, "Proposed Adjustments to Delivery Planning." These adjustments are in alignment with and consistent with the criteria established by the Legislature

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in Section 503 proviso of the 2004 Supplemental Transportation Budget. The adjustments authorized by the Commission were based upon recommendations by the Washington State Department of Transportation to more efficiently and effectively deliver the projects.

I am also transmitting herewith the Washington State Department of Transportation's Quarterly Report on the delivery of the Capital Construction Programs for the quarter ending June 30, 2005. This transmittal includes hardcopy reports entitled, "Summary of Adjustments to Project Delivery" and "Project Status (Gantt Charts)." In addition to these reports, the Gray Notebook, Project Pages and Quarterly Project Reports can be found in an electronic format on our website at [www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov).

While the overall intent of these reports are to communicate the status of each project funded by the 2003 Transportation Funding Package, they also represent the Department's on-going commitment and effort to fulfill the Project Reporting Proviso contained in ESHB 2474, Sections 302, 303 and 304, which was passed during the 2004 legislative session.

If you have questions regarding this action, please contact myself or Reema Griffith at (360) 705-7070. For further information about the attached reports, please contact Greg Selstead, Director Project Control and Reporting Office, WSDOT at (360) 705-7130.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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