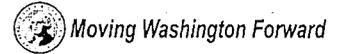


Expert Review Panel

SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV and Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Projects



February 9, 2007

Governor Chris Gregoire
State of Washington
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Reference: Alaska Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project
SR520 Bridge Replacement Project

Subject: Response to Hybrid Tunnel Review

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The sub-set of the panel has spent the last two days talking with WSDOT staff and reviewing materials related to the Hybrid Tunnel alternative. It is important to note that the panel did have some understanding of the City's proposal from our discussions during our early January quarterly review. However, at this time the current work being conducted by WSDOT has evolved and altered our previous understanding of not only the Hybrid alternative but also the Elevated alternative as well. As a result the cost and risk work is not yet complete. Given this we do not believe we can conduct a meaningful and adequate review by February 13.

We understand the importance of providing good information to the voters and we regret not being able to contribute to this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jane Garvey'.

Jane Garvey, Chair
Expert Review Panel

cc: Doug MacDonald, Secretary of Transportation