J. LETTER FROM NORTH MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mr. Sawyer,

Representatives from the North Mason School District and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) met to go over the State Route (SR) 3 Belfair Bypass project and potential impacts to the District. The District understands that the preferred bypass design shows that the bypass and southern terminal will be constructed through District property. The property includes two ball fields that are currently used by the local community and the school, a primary drain field for the high school, some student and community parking, and access to the fields and parking from SR 302. The District has been assured, on multiple occasions, that WSDOT will replace the function and use of these ball fields, drain field, parking, and access to mutually agreed upon locations, to a mutually agreeable standard, when the project is funded.

The district understands that WSDOT analyzed several design options, including designs that avoid school property. However, to build a safe bypass to current highway standards, WSDOT has determined that the most reasonable and prudent design alternative involves constructing the highway through the ball fields, drain field, parking area and campus access road.

The North Mason School District is on record supporting an SR 3 Belfair Bypass project. Further, the district acknowledges and accepts that the ball fields, drain field, some parking and campus access would be removed for the project and that WSDOT will replace the function and use of these ball fields, drain field, parking and access roads in mutually agreed upon locations and at standards not lower than is currently the case. When project funding becomes available WSDOT will contact the District to negotiate specific mitigation for the project impacts to the ball fields.

Sincerely,

David L. Peterson, Superintendent

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