



January 9, 2008

Ms. Karena Houser  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Policy Development & Regional Coordination  
Post Office Box 47370  
Olympia, WA 98504-7370

Dear Ms. Houser:

Re: City Compliance with RCW 47.50.030(3) for State Highway Access Management

Our transportation staff has reviewed the materials that you and AWC sent regarding access management and has determined that Bellingham is not in compliance with the WSDOT access management requirements for SR 539 (Guide Meridian) or SR 542 (Mt. Baker Highway), but is generally in compliance with the access management driveway and street spacing standards for SR 11 (Chuckanut Drive).

In addition, the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan includes Transportation Policy TP-52 to "Preserve the system of routes for long-distance, statewide travel by developing a regional policy that encourages the city and county to work with WSDOT to manage access to state highways. This policy will seek to minimize the number of access points to state highways to protect the safety, capacity, and operating characteristics of these facilities."

Our transportation staff will be updating appropriate sections of the Bellingham Municipal Code to include the changes necessary to meet the WSDOT access management requirements and anticipates that this work will be completed by the end of 2008.

Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Richard E. McKinley  
Public Works Director

Attachment

c: Rory Routh, Assistant Public Works Director  
Brent Baldwin, Development Manager  
Chris Comeau, Transportation Planner



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.

*Please see attached letter*