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The Honorable Curtis King
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The Honorable Judy Clibborn
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RE: Advancing a Connecting Washington project

Dear Director Schumacher, Senator King and Representative Clibborn:

We are writing in regards to ESB 5096, Subsection 307(14), which allows the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on a pilot basis, to advance the delivery of a specifically identified list of Connecting Washington-funded projects. Under the proviso, work on the project can start in the 2017-19 biennium "...if the department expects to have substantial reappropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium..." The proviso requires the department to provide appropriate notice to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Legislative Transportation Committees before advancing a project.

On October 18, 2017, the department transmitted a letter notifying OFM and the House and Senate Transportation Committees that it would be advancing \$5 million on the US 12/ Wildcat Bridge Replacement project into 2017-19. After additional consideration, the department believes that it can further accelerate the design-build process, allowing the project to be completed in the 2017-19 biennium.

The department has identified potential capacity in Connecting Washington projects in the Highway Construction program with an appropriation that potentially will not be used in 2017-19 that support the advancement of the project without jeopardizing the delivery of other Connecting Washington projects. This analysis is based on past history of program level under spending. Based on the

proviso language and our understanding of its intent, this expectation is sufficient to advance Connecting Washington projects if by advancing the projects it does not "...hinder the delivery of the projects for which the reappropriations are necessary for the 2019-21 biennium."

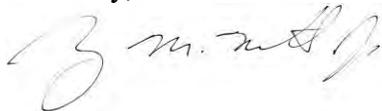
Below is detailed information of the Connecting Washington project that the department will advance, including an estimated amount that will be advanced and associated benefits. Over the biennium, the department will monitor the cash flow needs of the project to ensure that its advancement does not jeopardize the delivery schedule of other Connecting Washington projects.

| Advance | Project No. | Title | Note |
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| Highway Preservation (P) projects identified for advancement in Section 307(14) | | | |
| Yes | L2000075 | US 12/ Wildcat Bridge Replacement | Advancing an additional \$3.929 million into 2017-19 will allow the project to be constructed in 2017-19. |

In closing, WSDOT appreciates the opportunity the Legislature has provided on a pilot basis. We look forward to continuing the conversation on providing additional tools needed in order for WSDOT to deliver on legislative expectations.

Please contact Jay Alexander, CPDM Director at (360) 705-7121 or via email at Jay.Alexander@wsdot.wa.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Secretary of Transportation

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