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David Cooper, Mayor  
Town of Yarrow Point  
4030 95th Ave. NE  
Yarrow Point, WA 98004

RE: 92nd Avenue Northeast interchange design

Dear Mayor Cooper:

This letter is to address questions from the end of 2011 regarding alternate design options for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE interchange. My last letter was dated Dec. 27, 2011 as a follow-up to the meeting we had on Dec. 16 to discuss Yarrow Point's request to modify the planned roundabout interchange and move forward with the design and construction of the stop-controlled intersection.

In December we noted that we had asked our contractor, Eastside Corridor Constructors (ECC) to develop a cost estimate for the design and construction of this alternate proposal, referred to as a "stop-controlled intersection" as shown in the attached design PDF, as a change to the current design-build contract.

We have just received the attached cost estimate from ECC, and they have shown that the design and construction of the stop-controlled intersection would add \$900,000 to their contract with WSDOT. According to ECC the construction cost between the two designs is similar—so the additional cost represents the cost of re-design. There are still design risks and opportunities to explore as noted in the attached Memorandum from ECC.

To move forward with this change order with ECC, WSDOT would require a commitment of \$1 million from the Town of Yarrow Point. To launch the change order process, WSDOT would need Yarrow Point to provide a Letter of Understanding by March 1 that includes two elements: 1) a commitment to fund this re-design effort at \$1 million; and 2) a demonstration that there is consensus amongst the local jurisdictions to make this change.

If this approach is approved by Yarrow Point, WSDOT would then draft a formal agreement and include a schedule of payments from the Town to WSDOT. WSDOT would be the lead to revise as necessary any environmental documents and also expects to conduct additional outreach as

necessary with the jurisdictions—assuming again that Yarrow Point has already secured consensus.

I must be explicit at this time that if Yarrow Point can't meet the two conditions above, then WSDOT will proceed with the roundabout design that is included in the design-build contract and that was approved through the environmental process.

I look forward to working with you to bring this project to a successful conclusion. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information, or if you would like to meet with WSDOT and ECC to review the Memorandum in more detail.

Sincerely,



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Encl:

1. Design overlay PDF
2. Cost estimate PDF
3. ECC Design Memorandum PDF

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