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David Cooper, Mayor
Town of Yarrow Point
4090 95th Avenue Northeast
Yarrow Point, WA 98004

RE: 92nd Avenue Northeast Interchange

Dear Mayor Cooper,

WSDOT has been working in good faith with the Town of Yarrow Point to respond to your request to modify the configuration of the 92nd Avenue Northeast interchange. In our December 2011 meeting with you and Rep. Hunter, we agreed to move forward with a change order if the town was able to agree on certain key assumptions by March 1, 2012.

This month, as planned, our contractor will release their design team from the site, and only those designers necessary to address construction issues will remain. Therefore, the original design estimate does not reflect remobilization of the design team. Also in March, the contractor will begin construction on utility and water line relocations, the pedestrian/bicycle tunnel, the demolition of the existing overpass, and the retaining wall and lid abutment. These elements will be constructed consistent with the existing contract. As we discussed, they may not be compatible with a stop configuration design.

Absent a commitment from the Town to fund the change and consensus on an alternate design from the other jurisdictions, WSDOT is proceeding with the design that is included in the design-build contract and that was approved through the environmental process. The critical milestones noted above are upon us and as the design team transitions off the project and construction continues, the cost of a change, including design and construction, would need to be reevaluated.

As always, I look forward to working with you to achieve a timely and successful completion of this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Julie Meredith, P.E.
Director, SR 520 Program
Washington State Department of Transportation

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