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Roger Millar Secretary of Transportation Department of Transportation Olympia, Washington

Attention: Dean Moon

I-5 and 324th City Center Access Request for Determination of Safety, Operational, and Engineering Acceptability

Dear Mr. Millar:

The Federal Way City Center Access Revision report, dated June 2022, adds two ingress and two egress access points to Interstate 5 at S 324th Street in Federal Way, Washington near milepost 143. The access revision report has been reviewed by the FHWA Washington Division and we have found the proposed four access points are acceptable based on safety, operations, and engineering considerations for inclusion as an alternative in the environmental process. This determination in no way alters the planning, conformity, or environmental review and approval procedures as contained in 23 CFR 450 and 771, and 40 CFR 51 and 93. This determination is subject to re-evaluation if the proposed changes have not proceeded to construction in three years.

Please be advised, the analysis for the four access points considered the impacts with the four access points acting in concert. Thus, if WSDOT proposes to construct the proposed changes in access in phases that result in a partial interchange being constructed either temporarily or permanently (less than four of the proposed access points), WSDOT is required to re-evaluate the proposed partial interchange and submit an Access Revision Report to FHWA for an acceptability determination for each phase that results in a partial interchange.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. RIZZO Division Administrator

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