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WSDOT Correspondence No. 167-0343

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Subject: Application for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
SR 167/I-5 to SR 161 – New Expressway Project (Stage 2 Project)

Dear Mr. Beale:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is submitting an application for a shoreline substantial development permit (SSDP) to construct roadway improvements in the vicinity of the Meridian Avenue and State Route (SR) 512 Puyallup River bridges within the City of Puyallup's (City) shoreline jurisdiction. These roadway improvements are a component of the SR 167/I-5 to SR 161 – New Expressway Project (Stage 2 Project), which is the third and final stage of the SR 167 Completion Project.

The Stage 2 Project proposes to construct approximately 4 miles of new highway between I-5 and the existing SR 167 terminus at Meridian Avenue. Roadway improvements for the existing stretch of SR 167 are proposed to extend to SR 410. WSDOT is requesting an SSDP for elements of the project that will occur within the City's shoreline jurisdiction. Project elements are proposed in two separate areas within the Puyallup River Urban Conservancy shoreline environment designation.

The improvements in the vicinity of Meridian Avenue include a new shared-use path (SUP) that will be located within the North Levee Road interchange loop and that will cross the Puyallup River within the footprint of the existing bridge. North Levee Road will be widened on the inside of the interchange loop to accommodate a safe truck-turning radius in the vicinity of the SUP. Other improvements ancillary to the primary transportation use include signage, signals, illumination, and drainage improvements, which include in-kind replacement of an existing stormwater outfall on the north side of the Puyallup River. The other proposed work area in the shoreline jurisdiction is in the vicinity of the SR 512 Puyallup River Bridge. The work includes the installation of conduit on the underside of the existing bridge, and it will not require ground disturbing activities.

The following shoreline application materials are enclosed for your review:

- Attachment 1 – Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application
- Attachment 2 – Project Description and Shoreline Master Program Consistency Audit and Analysis
- Attachment 3 – Shoreline Vicinity Map and Site Plans
- Attachment 4 – Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) Figure Excerpts
- Attachment 5 – Critical Area ID Form
- Attachment 6 – Wetland and Stream Assessment Report

- Attachment 7 – Wetland and Stream Mitigation Plan
- Attachment 8 – Technical Memorandum on Floodplain Impacts and Mitigation
- Attachment 9 – Draft Conceptual Hydraulic Report
- Attachment 10 – Preliminary Puyallup River Stormwater Outfall Design Detail
- Attachment 11 – Draft Conceptual Landscape Plan
- Attachment 12 – SSDP Geotechnical Coordination with City (email)

WSDOT is the lead agency for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review of the project. The Stage 2 Project is a part of the SR 167 Completion Project that was evaluated in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/SEPA documentation under the *SR 167 Puyallup to SR 509 Tier II Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation* (2006 FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 2007. A NEPA/SEPA Re-Evaluation was prepared in 2018 for Phase 1 of the SR 167 Completion Project (which includes Stage 2 work). WSDOT and FHWA are in the process of conducting an additional Stage 2 NEPA/SEPA Re-Evaluation which is anticipated in spring 2023.

WSDOT is in the process of preparing the Cultural Resources Survey Report for previously unsurveyed areas of the area of potential effects (APE). WSDOT anticipates the Stage 2 Project Cultural Resources Survey Report for tribal and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review/concurrence in spring 2023. WSDOT will provide the City with the Stage 2 NEPA/SEPA Re-Evaluation and the updated Cultural Resources Survey Report upon their completion.

This project will be delivered as a design-build contract; therefore, the selected design-build contractor will be responsible for final project design that is consistent with the obtained SSDP. The design-build contractor will be required to provide a final geotechnical documentation package and final design consistent with WSDOT's Geotechnical Design Manual, which includes provisions for development associated with steep slopes (see Attachment 12 for prior coordination with the City). Coordination will continue with the City as the design and additional reports are finalized.

Per RCW 47.01.485, WSDOT requests that the City make a final determination on the project's permits no later than 90 calendar days after the submission of a complete permit application. Please contact Logan Dougherty at DoughLo@wsdot.wa.gov or 425-213-3654 if there are any questions about this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve D. Fuchs".

Steve Fuchs, P.E.

SR 167 Completion Project | Project Manager

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Enclosure: Attachments 1-12

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