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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
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RE: Advancing Connecting Washington projects

Dear Director Schumacher, Senator Hobbs and Representative Fey,

We are writing in regards to ESHB 1160.SL, Subsections 306(22)(a), (i), and (b), 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 these provisos, work on the projects can start in the 2019-21 biennium "...if the department expects to have substantial reappropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium..." The proviso requires the department to provide appropriate notice to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Legislature Transportation Committees before advancing projects.

The department has identified Connecting Washington projects in the Highway Improvement Program with an appropriation that cannot be used in 2019-21 that will be used to advance projects identified in ESHB 1160.SL, Subsections 306(22)(a), (i), and (b). Based on the proviso language, 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 a 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 these projects to ensure that they do not jeopardize the delivery schedule of other Connecting Washington projects.

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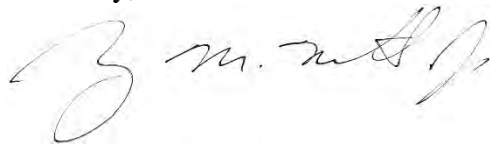
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Advance	Project No.	Title	N
Highway Improvement (I) projects identified for advancement in Section 306 (22)(a), (i), and (b)			
Yes	T21100R	I-82 Yakima – Union Gap Economic Development Improvements	Advancing \$4.0 million into 2019-21 for Preliminary Engineering and Construction to start design and site cleanup activities. Attachment A has more information on the advancement.

In closing, WSDOT appreciates the flexibility 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, CPDMDirector at (360) 705-7121 or via email at Jay.Alexander@wsdot.wa.gov if you have questions or need additional information regarding the expected reappropriation level or the projects that are being advanced.

Sincerely,



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Secretary of Transportation

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Notification Type: Section 306 (22)(a)(i) pilot basis advancement

Type of Change: ✓ Budget
Total Project Cost
➔ Biennial Aging

Revenue Package: ✓ CWA

Project Title: I-82 Yakima - Union Gap Economic Development Improvements

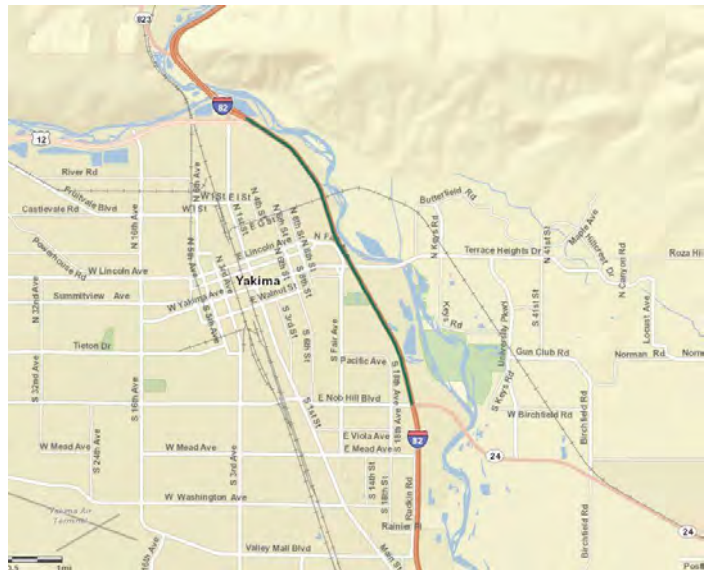
Project Number: T21100R

Program: Improvement

WSDOT Region: SCR

County: Yakima

Leg. District: 15



Project Description from 19LEGFIN:

I-82 in the Yakima vicinity has become increasingly congested with development in the greater Yakima area adding to freeway traffic. This project will increase capacity on I-82 between the US 12 interchange and the SR 24/Nob Hill Blvd interchange and improve on/off connections in conjunction with the Yakima County East/West Connector project and related local network improvements.

Justification of Need:

1. What is the requested change to this project?

Using authority provided in ESHB1160 Section 306 (22)(a)(i) to advance \$2.0 million from the 2021-23 biennium into 2019-21 for Preliminary Engineering and \$2.0 million from 2023-25 into 2019-21 for the construction phase.

2. Why is this requested change needed?

This project is part of a three-way partnership between Yakima, Yakima County, and

WSDOT. The city and county portions of the project are currently under design with construction of initial phases scheduled in 2020. Advanced PE funds will be used for necessary engineering activities needed to coordinate plans between the partners. Advancement of construction funds is being requested to participate with Yakima in site clean-up activities needed along the new eastbound ramps that access the CW funded East-West Corridor crossing of I-82.

A. What alternatives were explored and why was this alternative chosen?

This project is funded primarily with CWA funds. Program capacity exists within existing appropriation levels. This approach makes use of the existing capacity.

Current Plan:

Project Phase	19-21	21-23	23-25	25-27	27-29	29-31	Total
PE	0	3,943,000	608,000	0	0	0	4,551,000
RW	0	588,000	313,000	0	0	0	901,000
CN	0	0	43,855,000	15,106,000	0	0	58,961,000
TOTAL	0	4,531,000	44,776,000	15,106,000	0	0	64,413,000

Proposed Plan:

Project Phase	19-21	21-23	23-25	25-27	27-29	29-31	Total
PE	2,000,000	1,943,000	608,000	0	0	0	4,551,000
RW	0	588,000	313,000	0	0	0	901,000
CN	2,000,000	0	41,855,000	15,106,000	0	0	58,961,000
TOTAL	4,000,000	2,531,000	42,776,000	15,106,000	0	0	64,413,000