

September 4, 2019

Lindsey Ozbolt
Planning Official
Kittitas County
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Subject: I-90 Phase 3 and West Bound Widening (WBW) Detour Shoreline Application

Dear Ms. Ozbolt,

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) South Central Region (SCR) is submitting a Shoreline Permit Application required to complete construction contracts for the I-90 SPE Project Phase 3 (MP 64.15 to MP 70.58). This application includes 2020 work that is critical to maintaining the schedule for Phase 3, titled Westbound Widening (WBW) Detour. The project falls under Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) authority in which WSDOT has been delegated authority to implement and complete. The majority of the project west of Sparks Road is on US Forest Service managed federal lands (**Exhibit B**) that require US Department of Interior approval for federal highway easements.

Phase 3 is a 5.5-mile long project that will begin construction in early 2020 and is expected to take up to six years (2026) to complete. All permits for forthcoming construction contracts are needed by December 2019.

WSDOT is currently working with the Kittitas County Floodplain Program to make a final determination on any project related floodplain impacts. WSDOT has also added language to the Shoreline Application related to WSDOT trust water rights that may lead to new or modified ground or surface water withdrawal for construction activities. One of these temporary locations is along Kachess River between Sparks Road and I-90.

RCW 47.01.485 requires that we remind our local agency partners that Local Government Highway Decisions, "to the greatest extent practicable, a city, town, code city, or county must make a final determination on all permits required for a project on a state highway as defined in RCW 46.04.560 no later than ninety days after the department's submission of a complete permit application for a project with an estimated cost of less than five hundred million dollars."

If you have any questions now, or at any time in the future, on the I-90 Project please feel free to contact me at 509.577.1752 (sauriow@wsdot.wa.gov) or Mark Reynolds, Environmental Coordinator at 509.577.1929 (reynomr@wsdot.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Encl: Shoreline application, Exhibits, project maps, project narrative, water right site report, NEPA/SEPA project clearance