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Subject: Signing of SDEIS with the state re Alaskan Way Viaduct

Dear Colleagues,

This morning I received a call from Peter Hahn, informing me that the Mayor had directed him not to sign the SDEIS that the City is co-lead on, and to ask the State for an extension of time until late next week. The signing had actually been scheduled for today at 1:30, there had been full consultation between the state and the city over a period of months, the schedule had been set in July, and there had been no indication of any need for delay until today.

The State and federal officials consulted, and determined that it would be inappropriate and unprecedented to for a political leader to delay the signature on an SDEIS, which is a technical and environmental document. They also determined that failure to sign the document today would cause the City to be dropped as co-lead on the document. Among other things, this would mean that we would lose access to the discussions and decision-making, as well as state funding that currently supports 16 staff positions within SDOT. They therefore informed the Director of SDOT that the document must be signed by the end of the day today. The Mayor declined to authorize that.

After consulting with our Law Department, I have now signed the document on behalf of the City.

Richard

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