
From: Dye, Dave
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2009 12:48 PM
To: Parker, Christie
Subject: RE: Viaduct Amendment

Christie - as I read the amendment, it would allow us to proceed with the south end contract work planned to be advertised this fall (the big job) - which is the critical path - and then require us to update the legislature on the total project cost and the cost of the bored tunnel section (including a review of the tunnel estimate by independent experts) in the 2010 leg session - and then the leg effectively has to give us the final "green light" -- if that happens, we'll be fine for our overall schedule - we would issue an RFP for the tunnel right after the 2010 session -- it all works...as long as my interpretation is right...

-dave

From: Parker, Christie [mailto:Parker.Christie@leg.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Dye, Dave
Subject: Viaduct Amendment
Importance: High

Hi, there is an amendment in play on the viaduct bill that I need to ask you about (language is below). Does the department plan to enter into the contract for construction of the bored tunnel before next year? Does the requirement for "updated cost estimates" pose any problems or concerns for the department, and do you have any thoughts about the convening of experts to review the estimates?

We are struggling to figure out the critical path for this project to make sure that the legislators are aware of any language changes that could cause a project delay. If you have any scheduling information to share about the project, now would be a great time to send it. I recognize the department has not issued a formal project schedule; I'm suggesting that information be provided, if possible, for informational and illustrative purposes only.

Thanks,
Christie

(3) The department shall provide updated cost estimates for construction of the bored tunnel and also for the full Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project to the legislature and governor by January 1, 2010. The department must also consult with independent tunnel engineering experts to review the estimates and risk assumptions. The department shall not enter into a design-build contract for construction of the bored tunnel until the report in this section has been submitted.