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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2009 3:38 PM
To: Bandy, Mark; Dye, Dave; Paananen, Ron
Subject: FW: Freight concerns

FYI – We'll try to answer all these questions with what we already have and the additional info coming from Mark. Hopefully will send it sometime this weekend.

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Subject: RE: Freight concerns

Amy,

Here's a list of freight concerns/criticisms/questions we've heard since the announcement:

- Models don't account for event traffic.
- Cruise ship traffic will interfere with freight mobility/tourism traffic understated in models.
- Freight volumes during peak periods.
- Effects of tolling on traffic volumes on Alaskan Way.
- Need milestones for the release of traffic data, and how people can access it.
- Northwest access/north portal/connections to Mercer.
- Plan doesn't address capacity.
- Connectivity between the airport and north of downtown.
- How changes to Nickerson will affect freight.
- Adequate connections to Alaskan Way from Elliott and Western.
- Tunnel grades leading to backups.
- Number of signals/signal sequencing on Alaskan Way.
- The city may not properly manage Alaskan Way to keep it a viable freight route (i.e., they'll favor bikes and pedestrians over trucks).
- Need pedestrian overcrossings on Alaskan Way.
- Bicycle/freight conflicts through the corridor.
- Whether car carriers will be allowed in the bored tunnel.
- Requests for keeping the possibility of a future spur and/or six lanes (in tunnel) in EIS.
- Sequence of environmental review.
- The freight community's role in planning.
- How the tunnel will work with other projects in the area to improve freight mobility.
- Lack of city funding will hamper other projects that are needed to ensure the area functions as a whole.
- Need East Marginal Way improvements.