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Subject: Central Waterfront Project Update **Please Read**

AWV Team:

During tonight's meeting with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, we will present new information regarding our central waterfront project. You may hear about this on the television or the radio, or tomorrow morning in the newspaper. If you have any questions, or if others contact you with questions, please pass them along to me or to the communications team.

Here's what we're telling people tonight:

The state, county and city have developed eight scenarios for the central waterfront. The scenarios cover a range of options, from a smaller road along the central waterfront and a greater emphasis on transit and surface street improvements, to more lanes for vehicles and less emphasis on transit and surface street improvements. All of the options reduce capacity on SR 99 and look to I-5, surface streets, and transit to carry more trips. The scenarios also include demand management strategies and investments in commute trip reduction.

The specific scenarios are:

- A. Demand management and low capital
- B. Surface boulevard and transit
- C. Alaskan Way and Western Avenue couplet
- D. Four-lane elevated
- E. Four-lane integrated elevated
- F. Four-lane bored tunnel
- G. Four-lane cut-and-cover tunnel
- H. Four-lane lidded trench

Six-lane replacement options for SR 99 are not being studied further, because information about them has already been developed through our earlier environmental process. Three SR 99 options – a retrofit of the existing viaduct, an Elliott Bay crossing, and a six-lane Alaskan Way surface expressway – are no longer being considered by the agencies because they do not meet the guiding principles established by the governor, county executive, and mayor.

We will now begin to evaluate the eight scenarios against the six guiding principles (www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/F73A82CE-E0B1-4067-956F-095D0D750AC6/0/GuidingPrinciples_Feb08.pdf). The team will work this summer to assess how the scenarios perform, and will make modifications and re-form them into new packages based on the performance data.

You can find all the scenarios online (to be posted around 4:30 p.m.) at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/library-meetingmaterials.htm.

Ron