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**From:** Smith, Helena Kennedy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2008 8:47 AM  
**To:** Stone, Craig; Paananen, Ron  
**Cc:** Dye, Dave  
**Subject:** Re: I-5 improvements

No more info on funding potential than in my response until January.

Better traffic projections would be helpful as inputs. One problem to look at is the availability of "excess capacity" on parallel routes. We kept running into that when we were looking at the bored tunnel, even though we knew in reality there aren't good options.

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**From:** Stone, Craig  
**To:** Paananen, Ron; Smith, Helena Kennedy; Hunter, Carol; Everett, Susan; White, John  
**Cc:** Dye, Dave; Fellows, Rob; Bandy, Mark; Larsen, Chad  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 23 08:41:05 2008  
**Subject:** Re: I-5 improvements

Ron/Dave - if you have the chance today give me a call on this. I would like to hear about the context of the discussion. I would like to get a core team going on this asap.

It is interesting that this was the strategy behind two of our Moving Washington decision packages to layout an I-5 reconstruction/express toll lane concepts. Not in the Gov budget now, but we still have a Value Pricing grant in at FHWA.

I want to get the folks you identified on your e-mail along with Mark and Rob engaged, today if possible.

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**From:** Paananen, Ron  
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**Cc:** Dye, Dave  
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**Subject:** I-5 improvements

There is interest from the Governor's office in looking at how improvements on I-5 may be funded through a HOT lane strategy. Two questions came up: 1. What are the next set of improvements (beyond the list of \$637 million shown in the folio) that will bring "real" added capacity to I-5; and 2. How much revenue could be generated by initiating HOT lane tolling. This could include tolling one or two lanes on the mainline, and/or tolling the express lanes. The goal would be to use existing I-5 funds with tolling to fund all the I-5 improvements.

We didn't get a specific deadline, but Dec. 25th would be a good day. OK, I know we are all busy that day. Dave can weigh in on when we may need the information, but my impression was around the end of the year, or the first week of January.

Dave, anything else you want to add based on yesterday's conversation?