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As I expect that most or all have heard by now, last night the House passed the deep bore tunnel bill by a vote of 53 to 43. After 8 years of work to advance a comprehensive viaduct replacement plan, this represents a significant milestone in terms of clarity and decision-making. For those who have been tracking the bill, the version that passed out of the House includes a number of amendments from the original Senate bill that create additional expectations for us and our partners at the City. As you may have been aware, we need to prepare a financial plan that includes the results of an investment-level tolling analysis that determines projected bond revenues from tolling, to be presented to the legislature in January 2010. In addition, we also need to update the cost estimates for the entire program, have the tunnel elements independently reviewed by tunnel engineering experts, and report the outcome to the legislature in January as well. The bill as proposed also creates some new requirements for the City, most visibly the requirement that any cost overruns on the tunnel related work will be borne by City property owners who benefit from the tunnel. A variety of expectations on the operations of the new Alaskan Way surface street are also included. At this point, the bill goes back to the Senate for approval of changes to the original bill, then to the Governor for final approval.

This is a momentous occasion and we should all take a moment to celebrate the results of the hard work by so many within this team to get us to this point, as well as the heavy lifting by WSDOT and SDOT executives, the Governor's Office, and the stakeholder coalition to ensure that this bill passed. We will immediately start working on developing the strategies and game plan necessary to deliver the work required by the bill in a way that will hopefully ensure approval to advance the projects to construction following the 2010 legislative session. While I expect that this will require many of us to work as hard or harder than we ever have before, I have every confidence in the expertise and 'can-do' approach of this team, and in our ability to present a plan in 2010 that will meet the legislative expectations set forth in the bill.

Congratulations to all, this is a new and exciting beginning!

John

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## Gov. Gregoire's statement on Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement approval

**OLYMPIA** – Gov. Chris Gregoire released the following statement today on House passage of legislation for the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement:

"I congratulate the House on their decision to support the bored tunnel replacement for the Alaskan Way Viaduct. I particularly want to commend Transportation committee chairperson, Judy Clibborn for her leadership and Speaker Frank Chopp for his willingness to advance the option that best meets the needs of our state.

"I must also applaud the extraordinary amount of hard work put in by a variety of elected, labor and business leaders, neighborhood groups and key stakeholders that reviewed years of research, analysis and creative approaches and garnered support for the bored tunnel option.

"Lawmakers can be proud of this decision to improve public safety, keep a route open for traffic during construction, and generate thousands of new family-wage jobs in the Puget Sound region.

"This viaduct replacement legislation accomplishes one of two important go-home transportation issues. I now encourage the Senate and House to pass the bond legislation needed to ensure funding to replace the aging state Route 520 bridge. Building a deep bored tunnel and upgrading SR 520 will support a strong economy today and in the future."

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