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TO: Honorable Curtis King
    Honorable Steve Hobbs
    Honorable Judy Clibborn
    Honorable Ed Orcutt

FROM: David Schumacher
    Director

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES TO GOVERNOR INSLEE’S TRANSPORTATION BUDGET PROPOSALS

The following adjustments represent technical corrections and updated information related to the 2017 supplemental and 2017-19 transportation budget proposals released in December.

2017 Supplemental – Snow and Ice Removal – $5 million
In the current fiscal year, Stevens, Snoqualmie and White passes all experienced significant snowfall above the 10-year average. This has resulted in higher than currently budgeted snow and ice removal work for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) maintenance crews. Based on already completed work and forecasted weather conditions for January and February, we recommend including $5 million of additional funds for the WSDOT maintenance program in the 2017 supplemental budget specifically for snow and ice removal activities.

2017 Supplemental – Grade Crossing – $420,000
Appropriations for the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) included $420,000 for the Marguerite Street signal project. Due to a delay in the project schedule, the UTC will not disburse funds for this project in the 2015-17 biennium. We recommend reappropriating $420,000 from the 2015-17 biennium to the 2017-19 biennium.

2017-19 – Safe Routes to Schools – $5.3 million ($37.1 million over 16 years)
The Governor’s budget released in December inadvertently reduced $5.3 million of federal funds for the Safe Routes to Schools grant program (Project L2000189) starting in the 2017-19 biennium through 2029-31. We recommend restoring those funds in the 2017-19 budget and the remainder of the 16-year project list plan through 2029-31 consistent with the 2016 Legislative Final Project List.

Other Technical Corrections
Budget data provided as part of this update will include technical corrections to central service agency charges and adjustments to federal expenditure authority in WSDOT Program T.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please contact Jay Balasbas at (360) 902-0633.

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