

February 6, 2018

The Honorable Steve Hobbs  
Chair, Senate Transportation  
305 John A. Cherberg  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Judy Clibborn  
Chair, House Transportation  
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Olympia WA 98504

RE: North I-405 Stakeholder Requests

Dear Senator Hobbs and Representative Clibborn:

The North I-405 Stakeholder Group is a coalition of elected officials and representatives of business, university, and nonprofit groups. We formed in 2017 to advocate for transportation issues in the I-405 corridor between SR 522 in Bothell and I-405 in Lynnwood.

We last wrote to you in April 2017 to express concerns about traffic congestion in the single express toll lane (ETL) area of I-405 between SR 522 and I-5 in Lynnwood. This continues to be a problem for the rapidly growing residential and business communities using this stretch of I-405, with substantial spillover effects on adjacent corridors.

According to WSDOT, the single southbound ETL in this area is the primary reason the express toll lanes are not meeting the performance standard of 45 mph for 90 percent of peak periods. This standard is important for all corridor users and critical for transit. The performance, and resulting benefits, of Sound Transit's I-405 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project cannot be fully realized without improvements to the northern section of I-405. It is in the region's best interest to expedite the projects to provide additional capacity and access for transit by the time I-405 BRT is scheduled to start in 2024.

We appreciate WSDOT's efforts to rapidly implement the northbound peak use shoulder lane north of SR527 and its preliminary engineering for additional improvements. WSDOT has a proposed Phased Delivery Plan using "pay as you go" toll revenues projected to construct southbound improvements by 2028 and northbound improvements by 2033. These actions are not sufficient to reduce congestion, meet the performance standard, or ensure the success of I-405 BRT.

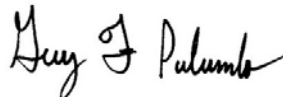
We respectfully ask that northern I-405 projects be a top priority for funding so construction can be completed in time for much-needed transit in 2024.

We would appreciate your response to City of Bothell Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, [davina.duerr@bothellwa.gov](mailto:davina.duerr@bothellwa.gov).

Sincerely,

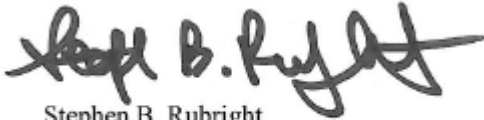


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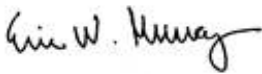
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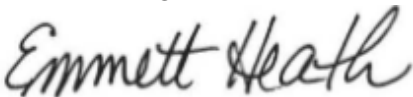
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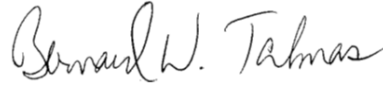
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