Cascades High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

To: Bob Boston (WUTC)

From: Casey Liles Date: 8/18/2015

Project ID: Task 2 – Point Defiance Bypass

Priority: High - Critical

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We are sending you the following information:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is sending the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) the side clearance waiver package to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-60-050. These documents have been attached to this transmittal email for your review and approval.

The attached information is:	Sent Via:
	☐ Courier (USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc.)
☐ For your Signature	☐ Hand Delivered
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☐ For your Review and Comment by	☐ ProjectWise

Context:

WSDOT is proposing improvements at King Street Station in Seattle, WA and Freighthouse Square Station in Tacoma, WA. The improvements at Freighthouse Square Station include a new passenger rail station within the existing Freighthouse Square station, modifications to existing platform to include an extension, and a new passenger rail platform. Improvements also include constructing the new passenger rail platforms at 15" above top of rail (ATR) and at 5'-4" from centerline of track to meet level boarding requirements set forth in 49 CFR parts 37 and 38. Additionally, the improvements at King Street Station include the construction of a new passenger rail platform, installation of new turnouts, lead tracks, and signal upgrades. In support of the aforementioned design criterion, all rail users; Tacoma Rail, BNSF Railway, Amtrak, and Sound Transit have provided their concurrence. Their respective concurrences

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have been provided as part of this package. Additionally, this package is intended to be part of the WUTC August 27 approval agenda.

Remarks:

We did not specify a return date for written approval of the petition; however, please let us know immediately if you have any questions that need to be resolved in order to expedite the approval process. Additionally, please inform us if this package made it to the consent agenda for August 27.

Attachments:

- Task 2-FD-SideClearanceMemo-WSDOT Rev. 0-18 Aug 2015.pdf
- Task 2-FD-SideClearanceMemo-Attachments-WSDOT Rev. 0-18 Aug 2015.pdf

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