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**From:** April Axthelm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 10:53 AM  
**To:** UTC DL Records Center  
**Subject:** TR-070696 ATTN : Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary

Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Ms. Washburn,

This letter is to strongly express my opposition to the closure of the Hickox Road Crossing (reference number TR-070696). This open road crossing is imperative for the safety and well-being of the residences currently living within the area from the City of Mount Vernon Sewer Treatment Plant on Dike Road to just north of Conway. This route is used as access to the freeway, and in the case of an emergency, for example a flood situation or other natural disaster, it is our quickest and least congested path to safety. On an everyday basis, it is also the quickest and least congested path for public safety vehicles (fire, police, etc) to reach our homes. The job of the government is first and foremost to provide for the public health and safety of the people whom they govern. Any other priority is a breach of trust of those they govern. This road closure is important to those of us whose lives will be affected by the change in travel time for life saving services to reach our families and our homes. I respectfully request that this letter of objection be submitted as part of the public record. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at any time at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
April Axthelm

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