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Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment and Notice of Environmental Hearing

Interstate 5 – 116TH Street NE Interchange Reconstruction and Quil Ceda Boulevard Extension Project

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) have issued a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) on October 31, 2005. It is the purpose of this notice and of the hearing to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the proposal on the community. This purpose is in accordance with the pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Act (Title 23 U.S.C 101. et.seq.) and amendments.

Description of the Proposed Action

This project will improve the interchange at I-5/116th Street NE by changing the existing diamond configuration to a single point urban interchange (SPUI). This type of interchange combines all of its ramp terminals into a single signalized intersection. The project will replace the existing three-lane bridge at 116th Street NE with a new, wider four-lane bridge. We will widen and realign existing ramps to accommodate the SPUI configuration. Quil Ceda Boulevard will be extended from its existing intersection with 116th Street NE and will connect to 34th Avenue NE.

Environmental Hearing

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Quil Ceda Village Conference Room

8825 Quil Ceda Boulevard, Suite D, Quil Ceda Village

The informal public hearing is an opportunity for the public to give testimony on the environmental impacts of the project. Oral testimony will be taken one at a time by the court reporter. Each participant may present testimony either orally to the court reporter or in writing. Plans, maps, environmental documents and other pertinent information about this project will be on display at the hearing. Representatives from the project team will be on hand to provide information. Comments are requested by November 29, 2005

Obtaining Copies of the Environmental Assessment

The EA will be available for public review beginning October 31, 2005, at:

Sno-Isle Regional Library, Marysville branch (6120 Grove Street); Quil Ceda Business Park Office (8802 27th Avenue NE); City of Marysville Public Works Department (80 Columbia Avenue); Bureau Of Indian Affairs (2707 Colby Avenue, Everett); WSDOT NW Region Headquarters (15700 Dayton Avenue N, Seattle); and the Washington State Library (6880 Capitol Blvd. S., Tumwater).

A link to the EA will be available on-line at the project Web site noted below. Individual copies of the document are available from WSDOT at a cost (\$10 for a hard copy; \$5 for a CD). To request a copy of the EA, contact WSDOT Project Engineer Methqal Abu-Najem at (206) 440-4232

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternate formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodation by contacting Ben Brown at (206) 440-4528. Persons with hearing impairments may call Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service TTY 1-800-833-6388, Tele-Braille 1-800-833-6385, Voice 1-800-833-6384, and ask to be connected to the event sponsor's phone number.

Questions:

Please send questions on the project to WSDOT Project Engineer Methqal Abu-Najem,: Mail Stop 137; PO Box 330310; Seattle, WA 98133-9710, (206) 440- 4232

For additional information on the project and to view a copy of the EA , visit the project Web site at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/northwest/Snohomish/default.htm>

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