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October 12, 2016

The Honorable Frank Cox
Mayor, City of Stevenson
7121 East Loop Road
PO Box 371
Stevenson, WA 98648

RE: SR 14 Non-Local Truck Traffic

Dear Mayor Cox:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concern related to non-local truck traffic on SR 14 traveling through your community. We understand your concern and have heard similar issues raised in the past regarding truck traffic on SR14.

Members of the SW Region Planning and Traffic team will be contacting you shortly to schedule time with you and your staff to discuss what options may be available to the City for traffic mitigation. Our hope is to talk through some of the specifics of your concerns, and have a dialogue about the constraints that we must work within as well, so that we can all have a common understanding of our collective options. We appreciate the steps you have taken to evaluate traffic management options for vehicles moving through your City.

As you know, SR 14 is a vital link to communities like yours throughout the Columbia River Gorge. At WSDOT, we take pride in working with local cities, such as yours, to help solve problems that are within our authority to influence. I know you are aware that we don't have the authority to force non-local traffic away from SR 14, which would include trucks, but my hope is that through coordination we can assist the City in meeting its goals.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Strickler, P.E.
Regional Administrator

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