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Nazim Nice,  
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RE: SR 520 MP 10.74  
Proposed Planet Kids Daycare and School Access

Dear Mr. Nice:

Governor Gregoire requested that I respond to your letter dated February 10, 2009 regarding your requests to change a residential access to a commercial access and to discharge stormwater from the proposed development's detention facility onto the highway right of way. The proposed development is in the vicinity of the eastbound on-ramp at the State Route 520 (SR 520) and NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street Interchange. I am the Regional Administrator for the Northwest Region of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and my office will address both of your requests.

I understand the current property owner, Mr. Dave McCann, first approached us about the access change in July. As we explained in our July 16, 2008 letter to Mr. McCann (attached), the right of way acquisition for SR 520 included purchasing the access rights to SR 520 and 300 feet on the connecting streets at the interchanges. This standard is applied to ensure the safe operation of traffic to and from the freeway interchanges. An exception was made for the property now owned by Mr. McCann because it would not otherwise have access to the street system; the purchase agreement included the allowance of a single family residential access limited to 14 feet in width. As a result, we did not permit the expansion of the access connection.

I also understand in October, 2008 you made a second request to change the residential access to a commercial approach to serve a childcare facility. We apologize for not responding to the October request but our position remains the same; we need to protect the safety and integrity of this busy interchange and cannot allow a commercial access.

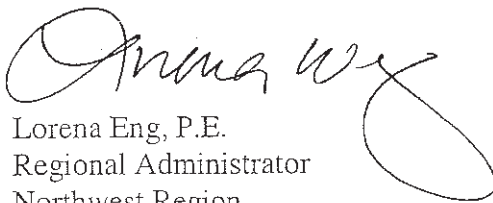
You also request permission to discharge stormwater from the development onto the highway right of way. We are interested in reviewing your stormwater plans. Ramin

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Pazooki of my staff will be calling you soon to arrange a meeting either by phone or in person. He will do his best to help resolve these matters in a timely manner.

Again I apologize for not responding to your October request. Ramin will make responding to your request a priority; Ramin can be contacted at (206) 440-4710, [pazookr@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:pazookr@wsdot.wa.gov) or you may contact me at (206) 440-4706, [engl@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:engl@wsdot.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator  
Northwest Region

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Enclosure:

July 16, 2008 letter to Mr. Dave McCann from WSDOT

cc: Dave McCann  
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Governor Gregoire