



January 26, 2009

Mr. Stevan Gorcester
Executive Director
Transportation Improvement Board
P.O. Box 40901
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Re. Request Route Jurisdiction Transfer of State Route 908 from WSDOT to the
Cities of Redmond and Kirkland

Dear Mr. Gorcester:

The cities of Redmond and Kirkland are requesting the jurisdiction and responsibility for the remaining portion of SR 908 between I-405 & SR 202, be transferred from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to the cities of Kirkland and Redmond.

The cities of Redmond & Kirkland are making this request for the following reasons:

- A common desire to change the character of the arterial to a community-focused, pedestrian-oriented roadway consistent with surrounding community plans. These changes will require the investment of millions of dollars -- an investment the Cities are committed to make. An integral part of the plan is the ownership of SR 908.
- WSDOT will be able to reduce its maintenance budget in the long term. The Cities understand that WSDOT is committed to overlaying SR 908, and its current budget includes the funding allocation in 2011. The Cities will assume this responsibility for future overlay projects, and if amenable, will perform the work for the 2011 overlay on behalf of the WSDOT through local agency agreements concurrent with other ongoing local improvements.
- The cities of Redmond and Kirkland will accept SR 908 without reservation and have the resources to maintain SR 908 into the future in compliance with required roadway safety standards.

The attached briefing paper verifies the requested transfer complies with all the criteria established by RCW 47.17.001, WAC's 479.210.200 and 479.210.250. The cities of Redmond and Kirkland request your consideration for endorsement of the SR 908 transfer request.

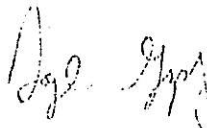
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If you have questions, please contact John Nordquist at the City of Redmond at (425) 556-2737, or Don Anderson at the City of Kirkland (425) 587-3826.

Sincerely,



William J. Campbell
Public Works Director
City of Redmond



Daryl Grigsby
Public Works Director
City of Kirkland

enclosures: Vicinity Map
Request for Route Jurisdiction Transfer

cc: Ron Grant, Redmond City Engineer
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RE: SR 908 Route Jurisdiction & Overlay Funding Transfer

Dear Ms. Hammond & Ms. Eng:

The cities of Redmond and Kirkland have filed a Route Jurisdiction Transfer (RJT) request of State Route 908 to the cities in 2009.

Oversight of RJTs has been transferred from the state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to the state Transportation Commission this legislative session. A draft staff report for the RJT request has been prepared by the TIB and it is in agreement with our joint request. Public process for receiving comment and completing the transfer is now the purview of the state Transportation Commission. We are writing this letter to you to underscore the terms necessary for Redmond's receipt of SR 908 in its current substandard pavement condition.

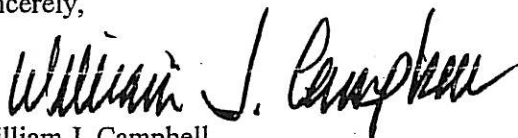
Funding for the pavement overlay project has been included within the WSDOT region's overlay program. With the cities' possible assumption of this facility, we are requesting transfer of the state's budget for pavement overlay for the portion of SR 908 within the Redmond city limits: from 132nd Avenue NE to SR 202.

Redmond is planning construction of a multi-phased project to improve what is currently SR 908 in Downtown Redmond from 160th Avenue NE to SR 202. These projects includes conversion of the one-way couplet back into two-way streets, extensions of the existing street grid, traffic signal upgrades, new traffic signals, non-motorized improvements, and intersection modifications. These projects are currently in design and right-of-way acquisition. It is acceptable to Redmond to receive SR 908 and the state's responsibility for pavement overlay, as well as all future maintenance responsibilities, for the entire corridor in Redmond provided that the state transfers funding allocated for current much needed pavement overlay of SR 908.

It's in the public's interest to have the pavement overlay occur after improvements to SR 908 in Downtown Redmond are complete. Redmond endeavors to enter into a local agency agreement to receive pavement overlay funding from the state for SR 908. We understand that Kirkland is making the same request. We support their efforts to enter into an agreement with WSDOT so that they may move forward with the route jurisdiction transfer and complete their SR 908 / NE 85th St Improvement Project.

We kindly request your concurrence on this transfer of pavement overlay funding, and look forward to working with WSDOT staff to coordinate execution of an agreement to this effect, as part of an acceptable Route Jurisdiction Transfer request. Please have your staff contact Ron Grant, Assistant Public Works Director, to coordinate the details of such an agreement. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



William J. Campbell
Director of Public Works

cc: Reema Griffith, Executive Director, Washington State Transportation Commission ✓
Daryl Grigsby, Director of Kirkland Public Works
Ron Grant, Assistant Public Works Director