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Mr. Roy Jennings, Chair  
Washington State Transportation Commission  
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Dear Chair Jennings:

The Transportation Improvement Board has reviewed the City of Ridgefield's Route Jurisdiction Transfer request of State Route 501 to the city.

The requested State Route 501 milepost limits are between MP 16.91 and MP 19.88, entirely within the City of Ridgefield city limits. This is otherwise known as Pioneer Street.

At the time SR 501 was designated, it was planned to be a loop highway off I-5 that connected Ridgefield and would terminate in the City of Vancouver. Thirty years later, there is no foreseeable loop highway.

RCW 47.17.001 defines the criteria of transferring routes between the Washington State Department of Transportation and cities or counties.

Today, the City of Ridgefield has a population of 13,640. With the exception of the original legislative designation, SR 501 does not meet any of the state highway urban route criteria:

(3) An urban highway route that meets any of the following criteria should be designated as part of the state highway system:

- (a) Is designated as part of the interstate system;
- (b) Is designated as part of the system of numbered United States routes;
- (c) Is an urban extension of a rural state highway into or through an urban area and is necessary to form an integrated system of state highways;
- (d) Is a principal arterial that is a connecting link between two state highways and serves regionally oriented through traffic in urbanized areas with a population of fifty thousand or greater, or is a spur that serves regionally oriented traffic in urbanized areas.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ashleyp@tib.wa.gov](mailto:ashleyp@tib.wa.gov) or (360) 790-5472.

Sincerely,

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