

WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

US 101/SR 109 REMOVAL OF FISH BARRIERS IN GRAYS HARBOR, JEFFERSON AND CLALLAM COUNTIES AS A DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

1. Regarding the funding status given on Page 2 of 16, does I-976 change anything?

No. Due to the federal injunction, fish passage remains a high priority and the legislature has included \$726 million for fish passage in 2021-2023 biennium. This project is now fully funded.

2. Regarding the description of the procurement process on Page 10 of 16, how are WSDOT projects advertised?

WSDOT advertises its projects through its Contract Ad and Award site and in the Daily Journal of Commerce. WSDOT also sends advertisement notices of its construction contract opportunities and contractor bulletins through GovDelivery notification system. WSDOT's Design-Build projects also include a pre-advertisement notice with important project information through its Contract Ad and Award site.

3. In the organization chart shown in Appendix C, please explain why only a 50% level of effort during design and construction is shown for the main participants on such a large project.

After procurement, John Romero and his staff will be responsible for managing day to day coordination and many of the project management responsibilities. John's office has a staff of 15 to 20 employees that also deliver other smaller design and construction projects. We anticipate that at least 50% of John and Jennette's (Assistant Project Engineer) efforts would be spent on this project, but will be higher at times depending on the demands of the project. We believe that we have estimated the right allocation of resources but have the ability to adjust, if needed, to ensure timely submittal reviews and project decisions. This project is a high priority for WSDOT and Olympic Region and we are committed to allocating whatever resources are necessary for project success. Ricky Bhalla will continue to be fully engaged and this project will be his highest priority. He will put in the necessary effort to ensure successful delivery of this project.

4. In Appendix E, can you provide more detail on the cost growth of Project No. 10?

The cost growth to date has been the result of higher than anticipated contaminated soil removal costs and from a miscalculation on sales tax during procurement.

5. Will honoraria be paid?

Yes, the honoraria will be paid to the firms selected to provide a proposal. The amount is yet to be determined and will be based on the anticipated level of effort from the proposers.