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**City of Woodland
Scott Avenue Reconnection
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Dear Mr. Stepp:

This letter is in response to the recent NEPA support documents WSDOT has been receiving from the City for review and comment. One document includes a Project Description that proposes raising Interstate 5 approximately 27 feet, allowing Scott Avenue to connect underneath.

WSDOT does not have the authority under NEPA to process these documents for a proposed project that does not have clear logical termini, independent utility, and a clear purpose and need. Referencing my letter dated June 17, 2014, this project needs to revert back to a least cost planning study and go through practical design techniques to target solutions with operational benefits at the lowest cost to have a viable alternative. Therefore, the review has stopped for the five reports submitted for the Environmental Classification Summary and the three documents submitted in support of a modified Interchange Justification Report.

Funds expended for work performed two weeks after the date of this letter will not be reimbursed by Local Programs. The documents cannot be processed in the best interests of the State to fulfill responsibilities delegated by FHWA.

Sincerely,

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