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Mr. Matt Preedy
Washington State Department of Transportation
Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program
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Seattle, WA 98104

Subject: TBM Repair Shaft

Dear Mr. Preedy,

Thank you for sharing information with us in "real time" as your contractor develops and refines plans to repair the SR 99 tunnel boring machine. The City of Seattle is supportive of the State's efforts to maintain momentum on the repairs and work to complete the project. However, we are seeking greater assurance that potential adverse impacts to City infrastructure and private property are adequately analyzed and addressed, consistent with established memorandums of agreement.

The City is eagerly awaiting the results of Seattle Tunnel Partners' due diligence and engineering for dewatering. We understand that these documents are forthcoming. The City will review these documents as expeditiously as possible to better understand and determine the adequacy of dewatering plans, the proposed monitoring program, any anticipated required mitigation, and response plans.

Additionally, the City supports the use of the Washington Street 72 inch outfall for discharge of dewatering. As discussed, this outfall can accommodate the proposed discharge rate of 1500 gallons per minute, provided that Department of Ecology permit requirements are satisfied. The City requires further analysis and a mechanism to ensure that these flow rates and water quality are monitored. Additionally, the City requires compliance with the terms of the MOAs that place responsibility for any and all negative impacts of project work on the State, and requires that the State indemnify the City against any claims for costs or damages. Further discussions between WSDOT and Seattle Public Utilities are needed to ensure that use of the outfall is formally allowed.

Sincerely,

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