MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

for

SR 9 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

between

SNOHOMISH COUNTY and THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is made by, and between, Snohomish County (the "County"), and the Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT"), (together the "Parties").

WHEREAS, WSDOT is a department of the state government with all powers, duties, and functions to plan and coordinate transportation improvements meeting the needs of the State of Washington as provided in RCW 47.01; and

WHEREAS, working with its partners and local jurisdictions including the County, WSDOT developed a corridor plan for State Route 9 ("SR 9") covering a 30-mile stretch of the highway in Snohomish County running from State Route 522 to Schloman Road in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, WSDOT is actively working on designs for planned improvements to the portion of SR 9 running from 176th Street SE to SR 96, hereinafter referred to as the "Project;" and

WHEREAS, the County operates and maintains County roads intersecting with SR 9 within the Project limits; and

WHEREAS, the parties have shared interest in providing safe and efficient intersection operation for the travelling public along the SR 9 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of real property within the Project area located north of and south of the intersection of SR 9 and Cathcart Way as shown on Exhibit A attached herein (the "Cathcart Way Operations Center" property and the "Cathcart South" property); and

WHEREAS, the Cathcart Way Operations Center is a developed County facility and the County plans for Cathcart South include a transit facility (park and ride) built in conjunction with transit-oriented commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have a shared interest in providing improved access to transit along the SR 9 corridor and along Cathcart Way; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that collaboration throughout the design of the Project will ensure that intersections of SR 9 with County roads are designed in a manner that best provides for mobility of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that collaboration throughout the design of the Project will ensure the future transit facility is incorporated into Project plans in manner most beneficial to the interests of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and WSDOT set forth their understanding as follows:

- 1. WSDOT in performing its work on the Project will closely coordinate its own efforts and the activities of consultants with the County;
- 2. WSDOT will coordinate with the County in designing the configuration of intersections of SR 9 with County roads;
- 3. WSDOT agrees to consult with the County on design decisions that would utilize or affect access to any part of the County's Cathcart South property;
- 4. WSDOT agrees to incorporate access and intersection requests of the County into the design of the Project as reasonably practical and as reasonably necessary to accommodate the needs of the travelling public and to support future use of the Cathcart South property for transit and commercial purposes;
- 5. WSDOT will provide the County an opportunity to review significant project design documents at key steps in the process;
- 6. The County will respond in a timely manner, in writing, to requests for review of project documents; and,
- 7. The County will provide WSDOT with any significant documents it has related to the Project.

WSDOT

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

By: John White

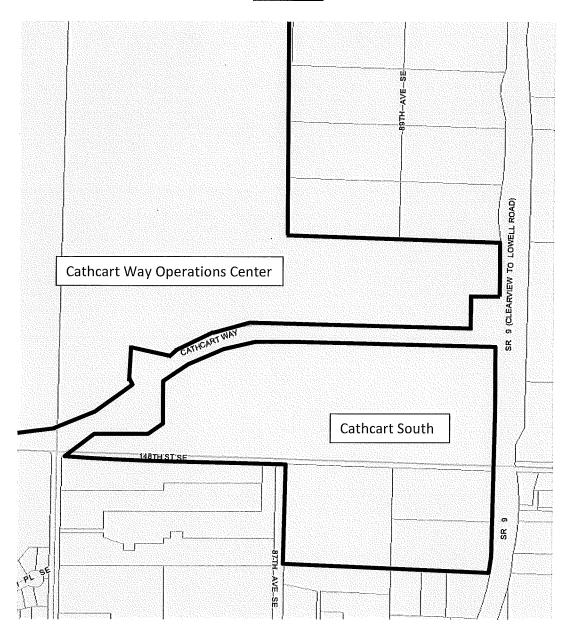
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Assistant Regional Administrator

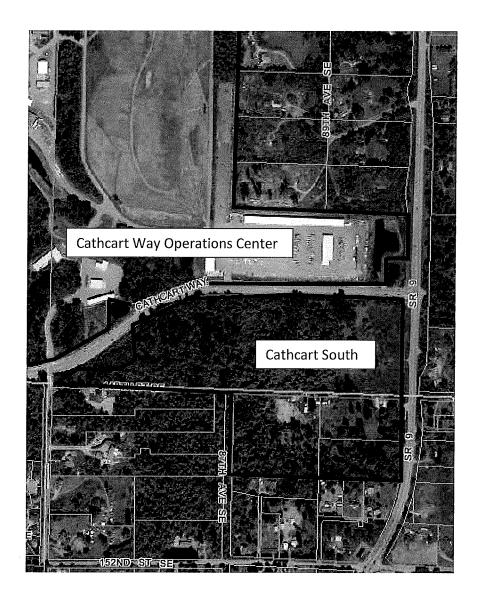
Public Works Director

Exhibit A



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