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Project: I-405, Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project
Contract No: 009727

**Subject: Sammamish River Lateral Migration - Response to WSDOT's
Interpretive Engineering Decision**

Dear Ms. Pao:

Skanska is in receipt of WSDOT letter SL9727-116. Prior to taking a commercial position as to whether this direction is impactful, Skanska seeks to request clarity from WSDOT as well as understanding of the technical path forward. The letter appears to base the interpretive engineering decision solely on WSDOT's perceived intent of contract language provided in section 2.30.5.2.1, as opposed to the engineering analysis and conclusions documented in the Design Builder Final Hydraulic Design (FHD). This demonstrates more of a risk assessment than a technical solution, thus the need for further clarity.

As noted in the letter, the project contract section 2.30.5.2.1 directs the Design-Builder to the Sammamish River Migration Risk Assessment (Appendix H), which clearly states in its conclusion that the question of lateral migration "will require further analysis during final design as part of the Hydraulic Design Report for this crossing." The Design-Builder has completed this further analysis and determined that from an engineering perspective (both geotechnical and hydraulically) there is no evidence to suggest the channel will migrate laterally in the future, and any potential bank instabilities associated with river flow interactions at the riverbank will not impact the proposed piers. Considering WSDOT has been provided with this information, Skanska requests three additional clarifications from WSDOT:

- Is WSDOT willing to consider an engineering solution that supports lateral migration is negligible?
- If WSDOT is open to the first question, what further information or steps would the Designer-Builder need to take to demonstrate the approach is adequate?
- Is WSDOT willing to participate in a workshop to discuss technical aspects and solutions related to this issue?

Skanska looks forward to furthering the lateral migration discussion cooperatively and requests WSDOT extend the deadline to submit a protest in accordance with Section 1-



04.5, *Procedure, Protest, and Dispute* until Skanska and WSDOT have had an opportunity to discuss this issue further.

In the event WSDOT does not choose to consider our request for extension, Skanska requests WSDOT consider this letter our formal submission in Protest to WSDOT's determination issued in SL9727-116.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Prendergast", written over a horizontal line.

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