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Reference: **Contract No. 9727**
I-405, Brickyard to SR 527 Improvement Project

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

Mr. Prendergast:


WSDOT is in receipt of Skanska serial letter No. 204, Sammamish River Lateral Migration - Response to WSDOT's Interpretive Engineering Decision dated June 27, 2025. WSDOT appreciates Skanska's continued collaboration on this project. We appreciate Skanska's attention to the technical documentation and contractual requirements regarding this matter.

In Skanska's response letter, it referred to language from Appendix H (a reference document) – *Sammamish River Migration Risk Assessment*. To clarify, it appears Skanska is referring to the last paragraph under the conclusion section of Appendix H – *Sammamish River Migration Risk Assessment* which states: “**The risk of channel migration within the vicinity of I-405 MP 24.4 is not low** and therefore will require further analysis during final design as part of the Hydraulic Design Report for this water crossing.” This language is in alignment with the requirements in RFP Chapter 2 Technical Requirements, Section 2.30.5.2.1, *Certain Structure and Channel Design Characteristics* which states: “The Sammamish River 'not low' lateral migration determination discussed in the Sammamish River Migration Risk Assessment (Appendix H) shall apply to the new structures within the river flow limits defined by the 500-year flood elevation”. Both documents establish that the lateral migration risk determination is defined as “not low”, is not open to interpretation and is defined explicitly for application during final design.

In response to Skanska's questions in serial letter No. 204, WSDOT will only accept a solution based on “not low” determination as the basis of design. WSDOT is willing to participate in a workshop to discuss the next steps and a solution to achieve a design based the “not low” lateral migration risk required by the contract.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (425) 495-1577.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evelyn C. Pao". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Project Director

cc: L. Hodgson, R. Woeck, D. Case, D. Holmquist, J. Slavicek, S. Berriz, B. Kane, M. Chong,
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