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Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 10:43 AM
To: Probart, Ashley; Houser, Karena
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Bill for Adopting WSDOT Access Standards
Attachments: State Managed Access Hwys AgendaBill 100608.pdf; managed access hwys map.pdf

Good Morning Karena and Ashley,

Thanks again for your assistance with the sample draft ordinance and information. Our Council should be adopting the WSDOT standards this next Monday. The Council agenda bill and issue paper are attached and feel free to share with other cities if any examples are needed.

Thanks again, Jim

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>>> Linda Moschetti 9/19/2008 9:10 AM >>>
Good morning!

Attached please find the agenda bill and color map for WSDOT Access Permitting Standards for Managed Access Highways. This agenda bill is going to Council October 6.

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CITY OF RENTON COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

AI #: _____

Submitting Data: Dept/Div/Board.. Staff Contact.....	Public Works Department Transportation Systems Division Jim Seitz, Transportation Planning and Programming Supervisor (extension 7245)	For Agenda of: October 6, 2008 Agenda Status
Subject: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Access Permitting Standards for Managed Access Highways		Consent..... X Public Hearing.. Correspondence.. Ordinance..... X Resolution..... Old Business.....
Exhibits: Issue Paper Ordinance		New Business..... X Study Sessions..... Information.....

Recommended Action: Council Concur	Approvals: Legal Dept..... X Finance Dept.....
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Fiscal Impact (None) Expenditure Required... N/A Amount Budgeted.. N/A Amount Needed N/A	Transfer/Amendment..... N/A Revenue Generated N/A City Share Total Project. N/A
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SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Established in 1991, current state law requires cities and towns to be the permitting authorities for state managed access highways within their boundaries. The law applies to state managed access highways within the City of Renton. The current law requires cities and towns to adopt access permitting standards for these highways that meet or exceed the state's access standards. The law does not pertain to existing driveways, only new driveway access on certain state highways as shown in Attachment A within the City of Renton.

Officially adopting the WSDOT access standards will bring the City of Renton into compliance with state law and will avoid jeopardizing receipt of state funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the adoption of the WSDOT access permitting standards for managed access highways within the City of Renton and present the ordinance amending Renton City Code 4-4-080I, *Driveway Design Standards*, and 4-6-060F, *Public Street and Sidewalk Design Standards*, for reading.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 6, 2008

TO: Marcie Palmer, Council President
Members of the Renton City Council

VIA: Denis Law, Mayor

FROM: Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator

SUBJECT: **Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Access Permitting Standards for Managed Access Highways**

ISSUE:

Should the City of Renton adopt the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) access permitting standards for managed access highways?

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the adoption of the WSDOT access permitting standards for managed access highways within the City of Renton and present the ordinance amending Renton City Code 4-4-080I, *Driveway Design Standards*, and 4-6-060F, *Public Street and Sidewalk Design Standards*, for reading.

BACKGROUND:

Established in 1991, current state law requires cities and towns to be the permitting authorities for state managed access highways within their boundaries. The law applies to state managed access highways within the City of Renton. The current law requires cities and towns to adopt access permitting standards for these highways that meet or exceed the state's access standards. The law does not pertain to existing driveways, only new driveway access on certain State highways as shown in Attachment A within the City of Renton.

In its 2007 session, the Washington State Legislature tasked WSDOT with inventorying how cities have implemented current laws for managing access on state highways within their boundaries. As a result, 205 cities around the state are being asked to confirm by December 1, 2008, that their city has adopted the required access permitting standards for the managed access state highways within its boundaries. As shown in Attachment A, the City of Renton's state highways that the law applies to are:

- SR 167 (Rainer Avenue from Grady Way to South 2nd Street)
- SR 169 (Maple Valley Highway from I-405 to the east City limits)
- SR 515 (Benson Drive/Talbot Road/Grady Way/Main Avenue South from South 2nd Street to SE 192nd Street)
- SR 900 (Sunset Boulevard/South 2nd and South 3rd/Mill Avenue South/Bronson Way from east City limits to west City limits)

Note: I-405, SR 167 south of Grady Way, and SR 900 (NE Park Drive) are state limited access highways, so the law does not apply on these routes.

All of Renton's routes fall within classification three or four which balances the needs of mobility and access to determine driveway location for new developments. Attachment B summarizes all five managed access highway classifications and the driveway spacing for each. It explains the benefits of access control and how the standards were developed. It also contains the language from the legislative access proviso, ESHB 1094, Sec 222 (4), which ties the requirement of adopting the standards to the receipt of state funding.

Attachment C (Chapter 468-51 & 468-52 WAC) provides further detail into the administrative process, access control classifications system and standards pursuant to RCW 47.50.

The City's current practice is to consult with WSDOT staff during design review when access to one of the state highways shown in Attachment A is affected. The City's Development Services staff and Transportation staff report that they do not see any adverse impact to the City's current development procedures or to the development community by officially adopting WSDOT's access standards. This 'housekeeping' measure is simply making our current practice in handling access to state managed highways our adopted standard.

Upon adoption of the WSDOT access permitting standards for managed access highway, the Public Works Administrator will complete the WSDOT City/Town Access Standards Status Form (Attachment D) and return it to WSDOT by December 1, 2008, thereby complying with the Washington State Legislative's access proviso ESHB 1094, Sec 222 (4). Also, upon adoption of the standards, the City's Development Services staff will amend the standard design and procedural documents as needed that are used internally and/or for use by the private development community.

Attachments: A – State Managed Access Highways in the City of Renton
B – Managed Access in Washington – A Progress Report to the Legislature
C – Chapters 468-51 WAC Access Permits and 468-52 WAC Access Control Classifications
D – City/Town Access Standards Status Form

cc: Alex Pietsch, Department of Community and Economic Development Administrator
Peter Hahn, Deputy PW Administrator – Transportation
Neil Watts, Development Services Director
Bob Hanson, Transportation Design Supervisor
Jim Seitz, Transportation Planning and Programming Supervisor
Connie Brundage, Transportation Administrative Secretary
File

CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, CITY-WIDE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 6, STREET AND UTILITY STANDARDS, OF TITLE IV (DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) TO PROVIDE FOR HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT, ACCESS PERMITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS PURSUANT TO RCW 47.50.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to provide regulation and control of vehicular access and connection points of ingress to, and egress from, the state highway system within incorporated areas of the City of Renton;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Subsection 4-4-080I, Driveway Design Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of Ordinance 4260 entitled "Code of General Ordinances City of Renton, Washington," is hereby amended by adding a new subsection, to read as follows:

8. Driveways Providing Access or Connection To and From the State Highway System: Any driveway providing access or connection to or from the state highway system shall be designed and installed pursuant to code section 4-6-060F.10.

SECTION II. Subsection 4-6-060F, Public Street and Sidewalk Design Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of Ordinance 4260 entitled "Code of General Ordinances City of Renton, Washington," is hereby amended by adding a new subsection, to read as follows:

10. Vehicular Access and Connection Points To and From the State Highway System:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

- a. RCW Chapter 47.50 is hereby adopted by reference to provide for the regulation and control of vehicular access and connection points of ingress to and egress from the state highway system within the incorporated areas of the City of Renton.
- b. Pursuant to the requirements and authority of RCW 47.50, there is hereby adopted by reference the provisions of Chapter 468-51 and Chapter 458-52 of the Washington Administrative Code, together with all future amendments, in order to implement the requirements of Chapter 47.50 RCW.
- c. At least one copy of each law, rule or regulation adopted hereby is on file with the City Clerk and available for inspection by the public.

SECTION III. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval, and thirty days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Bonnie Walton, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Denis Law, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. _____

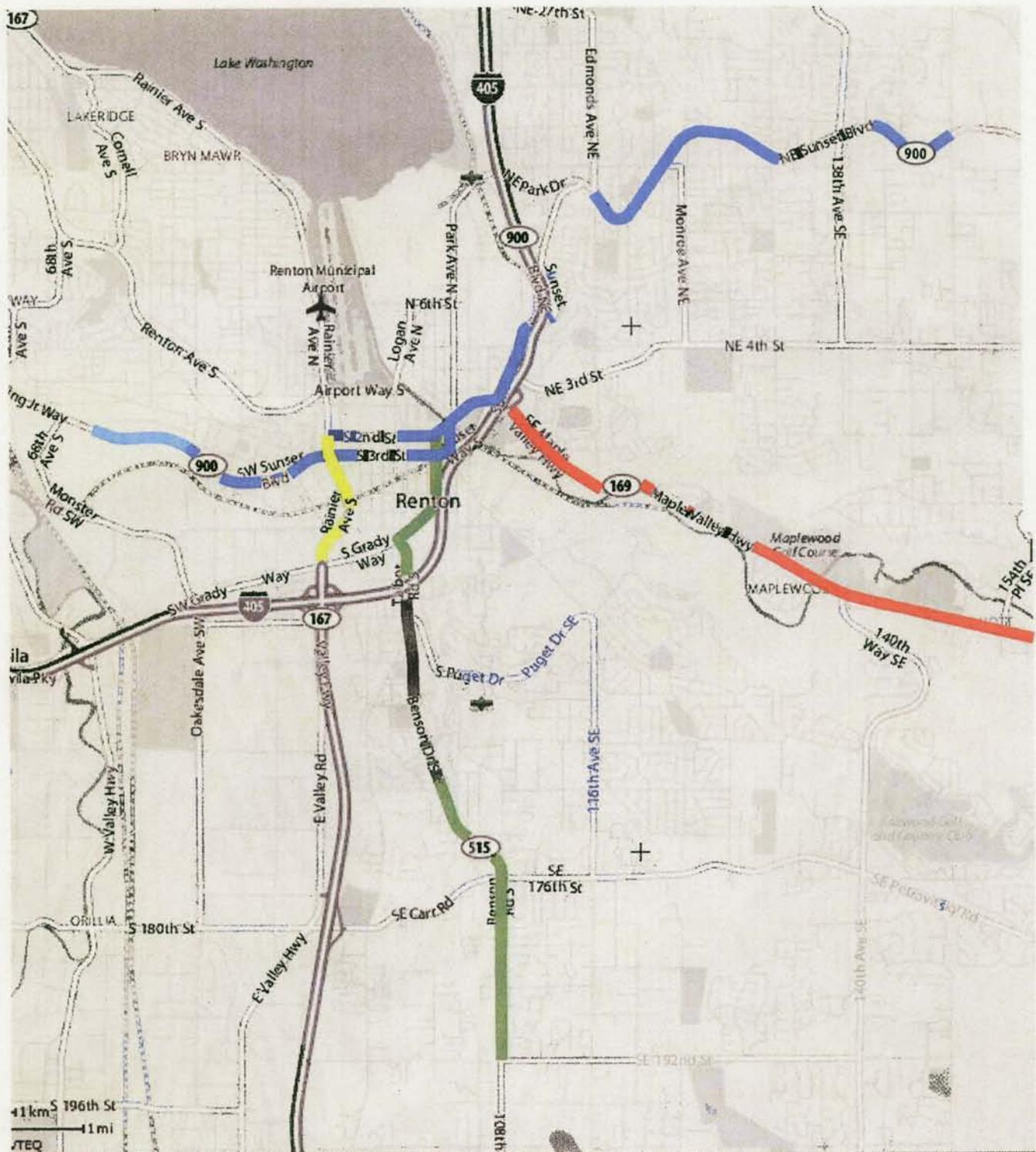
Approved as to form:

Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney

Date of Publication: _____

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State Managed Access Highways in the City of Renton



	SR 167 (Rainier Ave)	M4
	SR 169 (Maple Valley Hwy)	M4
	SR 515 (Benson Dr / Talbot Rd / Grady Way / Main Ave S)	M3
	SR 900 (Sunset Blvd)	M3
	SR 900 (Sunset Blvd / S 2 nd - S 3 rd / Mill Ave S / Bronson Way)	M4

Note
 I-405, SR 167 south of Grady Way, and SR 900 from I-405 to Edmonds Ave NE (NE Park Drive) are State Limited Access Highways