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TO: Roger Millar, Secretary
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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2021-23 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Governor Inslee's proposed 2021-23 transportation budget funds the next phase of fish culvert removal projects required by court injunction and prioritizes investments in preservation projects. Funding these efforts requires revising the state's existing capital project plan. As the governor noted in his budget rollout several weeks ago, the intent is to engage with the Legislature in developing a specific approach to delaying projects.

To preserve flexibility in determining the transportation budget going forward, I am directing WSDOT to pause advertisements and to review projects that are in the bid process to identify projects that can be paused. This direction is specific to highway improvement projects mostly supported by state dollars with the following exceptions:

- Fish culvert removal projects and preservation projects.
- Projects necessary to maintain safety for the traveling public.
- Retention of WSDOT's schedule for spending federal dollars.
- Continued implementation of projects currently under contract.

This pause is to remain in place until the Legislature and the governor agree on a plan for the 2021-23 transportation budget.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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