

From: On Behalf Of Mike Marsh
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Subject: [WNPS Board] 11th hour agreement puts Cross-Base back on RTID Package

Folks, I looked at what I sent out thismorning and realized that I did not read and edit well. here is a better rendition.

I attended a greatly delayed meeting of the Regional Transportation Investment District Board on Friday morning. Representatives of Washington Environmental Council, Woodbrook Hunt Club, Tahoma Audubon, and Conservation Northwest, and presumably some others listed below, met with representatives of RTID.

_The resulting meeting was agreed to by all of the above except for Conservation Northwest. _ I obtained a copy of the text of the agreement, which has not appeared,so far as I know, on the web. There are several changes in funding in the proposal, but the one that concerns the Cross-base Highway reads as follows:

"I-5 SR 704/ 176th Corridor Cross-Base Highway (\$427 Million)

Add \$105 million to this corridor subject to the following requirements:

1. \$5 million for environmental enhancements 2. \$5 million for environmental or other mitigation 3. \$30 million is dedicated to the SR704 corridor 4. \$60 million is available for SR704 or 176th St. E corridor contingent on a mediation with affected government, business and environmental parties.

5. Mediation is open to all transportation and environmental impact issues.

This includes, but is not limited to seeking a solution for the mobility of goods and people in the South Pierce east-west corridor and priority consideration of preventing impacts to the Oak-Prairie habitat.

Costs of mediation and technical and fact-finding analyses to be funded under RTID. The funding in Paragraph 4 may not be expended until after completion of the mediation.

6. Mediation will not begin until January 5, 2009 [after Pierce County Executive John Ladenberg leaves office] Mediation parties to include:

Military Base Representatives
Washington Department of Transportation
Pierce County
Spanaway/Parkland communitiy
Washington Environmental Council
Transportation Choices Coalition
Futurewise
Tahoma Audubon Society
Equestrian Community and Hunt Club
Retired military community
Frederickson Industrial Group
City of Lakewood

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During the mediation all parties to current or future litigation who participate in the mediation shall agree not to litigate before and during the mediation proces [thats a tortured sentence!] and the legal

rights of all standing parties shall be preserved. All parties reserve their legal rights in the event that mediation agreement is not successful.

The record of decision remains in its current status until the end of the mediation process. If the mediation is successful, then the record of decision will be modified as necessary to implement the mediation agreement.

If the mediation is not successful, then the record of decision retains its status.

The executive board is directed to develop a plan to implement these decisions.

The comments in [] brackets are mine.

There it is, put off 'til another day. Personally, I'm agreeing with Conservation Northwest.

I see no prohibition here on expenditure of the \$30 million in provision (3.), dedicated to Hy 704, before mediation.

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