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March 31, 2017

The Honorable Carol Benson
Mayor
City of Black Diamond
Post Office Box 599
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0599

Dear Mayor Benson:

The Roberts Drive project TIB # 6-P-800(002)-1 is delayed beyond TIB's performance standards for this program. It was reported to the Board as a Stage 1 delayed project in May 2016. After the May Board meeting, the city established an advertisement date of January 2017. The advertisement date has not been met. We are also aware that the City of Black Diamond has not adopted a six year transportation improvement program. TIB cannot allow the project to be advertised until this requirement is met.

At the May TIB Board Meeting on 18-19, 2017 in Bellingham, this project will be reported to the board as a Stage 2 delayed project and is in jeopardy of termination. TIB established the delayed projects process to effectively manage cash flow and optimize the effectiveness of TIB funds. The process that addresses delayed projects can be found in WAC 479-05-213.

Please follow these steps to ensure continued funding from TIB:

1. Reply to the TIB Executive Director in writing and address the following issues:
 - Explain the reason(s) for the delay.
 - Describe your plans to reach construction.
 - Identify a financial plan that fully funds the project.
 - Provide a revised project completion schedule.
2. We must receive this letter by May 5, 2017.

Since it is TIB's mission to provide well maintained streets to the citizens of Washington State, the city should consider the following options in order to maintain TIB's participation in the project:

1. Adopt the transportation improvement plan with the project as originally submitted prior to May 5, 2017, advertise and begin construction no later than July 15, 2017; or
2. Adopt the transportation improvement plan and separate the project into two line items in the transportation improvement plan:
 - a. The Roberts Drive Improvement project between Buckners Way and City Hall (i.e. year 1 or 2017); and
 - b. The Rock Creek Bridge replacement project (i.e. years 3-6).

If this option is pursued, the City would need to request a scope change from the TIB Board by May 5, 2017 and commit to advertise and begin construction no later than July 15, 2017; or

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- No action. This will result in the termination of the Roberts Drive project and the repayment of \$190,726 to TIB. This is for funds already paid to the city and is in accordance with WAC 479-06-090.

If a satisfactory written response is not received by May 5, 2017 you may need to appear before the Board at the May 18-19 meeting in Bellingham for a review of this project and possible cancellation. We are happy to assist you with any questions regarding this process. You can contact Greg Armstrong, TIB Project Engineer, at (360) 586-1142 or via e-mail at GregA@TIB.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Dan Dal Santo, Interim Public Works Director

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