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The Honorable Dave Kaplan
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Des Moines
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Dear Mayor Pro Tem Kaplan,

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2010 in which you indicate that staff from the City of Des Moines continue to work on details of a potential transfer of SR 509 property that we currently own. In cooperation with WSDOT staff you have noted a determination of the requirements for transfers of WSDOT property to the City will be evaluated and recommended.

Our Real Estate Services staff has placed on temporary hold any/all actions to surplus any of the old SR 509 right of way south of South 216th Street. I would note WSDOT currently has a "land trade" in progress with the Port of Seattle for portions of the old SR 509 alignment north of South 216th Street.

Additionally, thank you for the opportunity to participate in your public meeting in spring, 2010. Since the city is the lead agency for the trail project, WSDOT will not take an active role in the city's public meeting. If you have any questions regarding WSDOT's surplus property, please contact Cindy Tremblay, Property Management Program Manager at (360) 705-7335.

Sincerely,

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