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**Slater Road Corridor Improvement Project**

Dear Mr. Vinish

Thank you for your July 25, 2016, letter. The FHWA concurs with the decision to select and move forward with Alternative D as the preferred alternative for the Slater Road Corridor Improvement project. The selection of Alternative D effectively ends the need to continue with the IJR process since there is not break in the limited access lines of I-5. However, should traffic demand necessitate the need to consider additional modification to the I-5/Slater Road interchange, FHWA will do so.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Lummi Indian Business Council for the time and effort it took to work towards a positive solution for the transportation issues facing the Slater Road corridor. While the Interchange Justification Report process can be a long and laborious effort, we believe that it results in a solution that best benefits a regional or local transportation network.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (360) 534-9323 or [Don.Petersen@DOT.GOV](mailto:Don.Petersen@DOT.GOV).

Sincerely,

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