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TO: Representative Javier Valdez  
Vice Chair, House Transportation Committee

FROM: Lid I-5 Steering Committee  
Seattle, WA

RE: Joint Transportation Committee and the Future of I-5

**Mission**

Building the case and constituency for lidding Interstate 5 and building a more connected, sustainable, and equitable Seattle.

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Dear Representative Valdez,

Thank you making the time to meet with the Lid I-5 team on October 9. We appreciated the opportunity to share with you Lid I-5's vision for a more connected, sustainable, and equitable Seattle - a vision which also intersects with enhancing regional mobility and economic opportunity.

Because the Legislature is an important stakeholder in the future of I-5, we would like to request making a briefing with the Joint Transportation Committee on the Lid I-5 project and the need for freeway improvements.

Our potential agenda is:

- Introducing the Lid I-5 concept, motivations, potential challenges, and the likely benefits, including potential revenue for the State of Washington;
- Sharing a diverse set of freeway lid case studies from around the nation;
- Explaining the goals and status of Seattle's lid feasibility study;
- Discussing why a lid project needs to be concurrent with WSDOT's redesign/rehabilitation of the seismically-vulnerable, aging, and congested freeway;
- Identifying the next steps for the projects to jointly move forward, including a Downtown traffic study, seismic analysis, and I-5 scenario planning.

To best inform the committee members, our presentation group may include staff from the Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), their feasibility study consultant team, and/or WSDOT staff.

Understanding this is an educational meeting, Lid I-5 would not be directly seeking or lobbying for funding. We also understand that the results of Initiative 976 will be a major factor in the conversation.

We estimate needing 30-45 minutes, but we can adjust the agenda and work with more or less time as available.

Thank you again for your interest in the future of Seattle.

Sincerely,  
Best regards,  
Lid I-5 Steering Committee