April 12, 2016

Clark County Community Planning
Attn: 2016 Comp Plan Record
1300 Franklin Street PO Box 9810

Re Clark County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
Arterial Atlas Amendments

Dear Comprehensive Plan Team:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has reviewed the proposed Arterial Atlas Amendments for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update, and would like to make the following comments:

The proposed amendments include a revision of the atlas southeast of the intersection of SR 503 (NE 117th Avenue) and NE 119th Street. A Commercial Industrial road is shown extending east from SR 503 south of NE 119th Street. In order to avoid the Brush Prairie Cemetery, this proposed road is to be relocated north of the location currently shown on the Arterial Atlas to a point approximately 850 feet south of NE 119th Street. This location would line up with a proposed road along the south side of Brush Prairie Apartments, a development currently undergoing site plan review. WSDOT would like to point out that a northbound deceleration lane will be required at the intersection of this proposed road and SR 503. As there is a median barrier in SR 503, this intersection will be right-out only, until a northbound deceleration lane is constructed at this intersection with any future development. We recognize that these requirements will be brought forward during the development review process.

These comments are based on a review of the proposed Arterial Atlas Amendments, and are preliminary only. WSDOT will likely provide additional comments as the 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Update continues through the development process.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this document. If you have need of additional information, please contact Mr. Ken Burgstahler, Southwest Region Planning Office, at (360) 905-2052.
on Growth Management Act matters as well as on other matters. While we would not want either Mr. Horne or Ms. Cook to advise Councilor Madore in his role as a county councilor on any matters for at least so long as the investigation continues, we believe that Mr. Horne and Ms. Cook can continue to advise the BOCC as an entity or a component of county government. During the pendency of the investigation, Councilor Madore may direct his questions to Amanda Migchelbrink.

We ask, however, that the BOCC consider this matter with care and then let us know whether the BOCC wants Mr. Horne and Ms. Cook to continue advising the BOCC consistent with past practice, whether the BOCC wants any changes made to the representation or whether the BOCC wants to proceed in a different direction altogether. For example, the BOCC should consider whether it is concerned that the advice it may receive from Mr. Horne or Ms. Cook may somehow be adversely affected or tainted because of Mr. Madore’s charges. Similarly, the BOCC should consider whether the BOCC’s effectiveness as a governmental body or the public’s view of the BOCC may be impaired if counsel, who have been accused of wrongdoing by one of five Councilors, continue to advise the BOCC on some or all matters while the investigation of those accusations is ongoing. The BOCC is also entitled, however, to consider whether and to what extent a change in counsel would delay the work of the BOCC or increase the cost to the taxpayers of moving forward.

In deciding whether to consent, you are entitled to consult with separate counsel, and we urge you to do so if you have any doubts as to the advisability of consenting to this waiver. You can contact the Washington State Attorney General’s Office to provide legal counsel to the BOCC on this issue. Alternatively, our Office would be happy to consent to the BOCC hiring private counsel who will be specially deputized for the limited purpose to review this issue.

If the BOCC consents to Chris Horne and Christine Cook continuing to represent and provide legal advice to the BOCC and county departments, please sign and return this letter. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like us to address before you make a decision, please let me know; I will try to address them as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Tony Golik
Prosecuting Attorney
Clark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
We consent to Chris Horne and Christine Cook providing legal advice and representation to the Board of County Councilors and County Departments, and we waive any conflict of interest that representation may involve.

Date: ___________________  By:  Clark County Board of County Councilors

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