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**Subject: ROWIM Update – Regulatory Update in December 2015**

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution  
31243

The purpose of the Freight Advisory Board (FAB) is to “advise the City Council, Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.” (Resolution 31243)

We appreciate the work you are leading to update the Right of Way Improvement Manual and it will be a success as you incorporate the fourth modal plan, the Freight Master Plan, into the document. We understand that the update for the ROWIM is required by the end of 2015 to reflect the new regulations for surface water management and the FAB supports this partial update for the ROWIM for the City to remain in compliance with regulations.

The Freight Board, however, *does not support* any update to the ROWIM without fully reflecting an adopted Freight Master Plan and we strongly urge you to fully reflect the FMP as it is adopted by the City Council in 2016. A draft Freight Master Plan is scheduled for February 2016.

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Previous editions of the ROWIM have been scoured of any freight movement and mobility considerations and we are eagerly awaiting the next draft that includes freight design elements, network and mobility considerations as important aspects of right of way improvements. We look forward to a review of the proposed ROWIM updates, which fully reflect freight operations and mobility in Seattle, based on the FMP under development.

As always, I would be happy to talk with you about our concerns and answer any questions you or your staff might have. We look forward to your presentation of the proposed updates for the ROWIM to the Freight Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren R. Aakervik, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Warren R. Aakervik, Jr.  
Chairman, Seattle Freight Advisory Board

Cc: Tracy Krawczyk, Director, Policy & Planning