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Mr. Vernon Cook
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RE: Skagit River Levee Project

Dear Vern:

Upon review of the Draft E.I.S. for the Skagit River Levee Project, a considerable number of Skagit County Property owners have strongly voiced their concern regarding the taking of additional right-of-way, especially in those areas where there is a large distance between the river and the levee. Due to these facts, Skagit County would request the Corps to construct the new levee including the berm river ward of the existing road in all areas where the cross section of the waterway will not be adversely affected.

We would also clarify our position on road reconstruction at this time. As most of the proposed road reconstruction is in the rural area and growth will remain fairly constant at the present, low volume replacement of the existing road section is acceptable on all roads with less than 250 average daily traffic count. We would consider this road section to be two 11-foot paved lanes with 2-foot shoulders, for a total section width of 26 feet.

We would appreciate your attention to these requests and an on-site review with the Corps personnel, of the areas in question, for a determination of the most feasible approach to those critical areas.

Sincerely,

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Public Works Director



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