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ON-HOLD TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS GET GREEN LIGHT FROM THE STATE

Covington, WA – After being put on hold by the state in light of Initiative 976 passing in November, Covington’s two Connecting Washington Transportation Projects – the widening of SR516 and the extension of 204th – have now gotten the green light to proceed with funding as they were included in the state’s transportation budget that recently passed.

In 2019, the State awarded a total of \$37.2 million in Connecting Washington funds to two Covington projects -- \$24 million for the Covington Connector (204th Ave SE from SR516 to SR18) and \$13.2 million for widening SR516 from Jenkins Creek to 185th Place. When Initiative 976 passed in November to reduce car tab fees to \$30, the State put a hold on funding the projects while they reassessed the budget and an impending \$450 million shortfall.

During the legislative session, the House and the Senate both included Covington’s two projects in their proposed budgets which recently passed. “We are thrilled that these two important projects were included in the budget,” said Covington City Manager Regan Bolli. “We would like to thank our legislators for their hard work to make this happen.”

Work will resume on these two projects immediately.

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