



# City of Normandy Park

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CITY OF BURIEN

June 24, 2011

Mike Martin, City Manager  
City of Burien  
400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 300  
Burien, WA 98166

Re: Sylvester Road Bridge Project

Dear Mr. Martin:

The City of Normandy Park has received a federal grant to replace the Sylvester Road Bridge. Replacement of the bridge is scheduled to begin in July, 2011 and construction is anticipated to last approximately six months. The King County Department of Transportation Road Services Division will be managing the replacement project on behalf of the City of Normandy Park. The new 220-foot, single span bridge will be slightly wider than the existing bridge, with two traffic lanes and a five foot sidewalk along one side. The project also includes work on the approaches to the bridge in order to make a complete and functional replacement.

On June 1, 2011, Normandy Park awarded the contract for replacement of the Sylvester Road Bridge to SB Structures, LLC for a total bid amount of \$2,880,894.04. The bid exceeded the engineer's estimate for the project by \$309,385.13. With construction inspection, the total project costs are estimated at \$3,247,694.04, leaving only \$82,000 in grant funds available as a contingency. The Normandy Park City Council is extremely concerned about moving forward with the project without sufficient contingency funds, but it is unlikely we would ever receive this level of grant funding again if we do not move forward at this time. Therefore, the City Council has directed me to contact the City of Burien for the purpose of requesting funding assistance.

Sylvester Road SW is an important transportation corridor that provides access to properties in Burien and Normandy Park. The 80-year old Sylvester Road Bridge is in poor condition. It has cracked columns and girders, worn rails and deck, and an antiquated design that will not withstand earthquake forces. After reviewing many options, Normandy Park, King County, and the State of Washington have determined that replacement of the bridge is the most cost-effective solution for maintaining this corridor.

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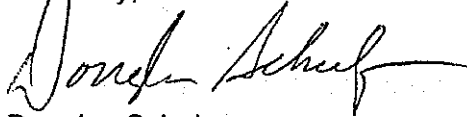
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Because of the importance of the Sylvester Road corridor to both Burien and Normandy Park, the City of Normandy Park is requesting assistance from the City of Burien in the form of making funds available in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 in the event that cost overruns exceed the available project contingency. It is Normandy Park's goal to complete the project without exceeding the available grant funds, which would not require the assistance from Burien. However, cost overruns cannot always be avoided.

I have previously provided information regarding the project details and Normandy Park's City Attorney has prepared a draft Interlocal Agreement, which can be used if the Burien City Council authorized the contingency funds. If desired, I would be happy to attend a Burien City Council meeting to answer any questions or share information about the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Schulze", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas Schulze  
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council