



**Washington State
Public Works Board**

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Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
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RE: Veto of Section 935 in 2ESHB 2376 – Public Works Assistance Account

Governor Jay Inslee:

On behalf of the Public Works Board and the cities, counties, and special purpose districts we serve, I thank you for your veto of Section 935 in 2ESHB 2376, the Supplemental Operating Budget.

Section 935 would have eliminated the Public Works Assistance Account as a source of funding for the infrastructure our state needs to successfully compete in the global marketplace. Its elimination would adversely impact our state's ability to leverage the use of federal infrastructure funding. Its elimination would impact our ability to maintain a clean, safe state in which to live, work, and play.

Your veto of Section 935 and your identification of the ongoing need for infrastructure funding sends a strong message of support for Washington's future public improvement needs.

We applaud your efforts to ensure that Washington is a leader in clean technology, sustainability, and efficient use of our resources. Vetoing Section 935 allows you to reinforce your message of transparent government and commitment to vibrant communities.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that Washington continues to have a sustainable funding source for public works projects.

Thank you very much for your leadership and commitment to strong communities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan Finkelstein".

Stan Finkelstein, Chair
Public Works Board

cc: Brian Bonlender, Director of the Department of Commerce
David Schumacher, Director of the Office of Financial Management

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