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Date: Thu, Jan 31, 2013 at 4:12 PM
Subject: FW: THANKS
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John,

Please share this with your team as well; Tapani, your subs and your employees did a great job!

From: Gernhart, Bart
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Leon Winger (WingerL@wsdot.wa.gov); Figone, Lori (FigoneL@WSDOT.WA.GOV)
Cc: Schneider, Glenn; Wagner, Don
Subject: FW: THANKS

This is a big **ATTA B😊Y** for you and your team! Pass this note of appreciation along to everyone who played a role in making the project a success.

Thanks much.

From: Gernhart, Bart
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 7:34 AM
To: 'Ron Arp'
Subject: RE: THANKS

Mr. Arp,

Thank you for spending your valuable time to convey your appreciation. I will forward this along to the folks who deserve the credit. You are correct that they do not get much positive recognition, but when they do it means that much more. Thank you again for your time and safe travels on our highways.

Bart Gernhart, P.E.

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From: Ron Arp [<mailto:rarp@amplifygroup.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 8:51 AM
To: Gernhart, Bart
Subject: THANKS

Mr. Gernhardt –

I had coffee with Eric Holmes with the City of Vancouver recently. In the course of our conversation, I asked him who was responsible for the new overpass on SR 500. He gave me your name and email.

I must say, this was one of the most well-managed projects I've witnessed in a very long time. I use SR 500 a great deal to connect to downtown and Interstate 5. The traffic slowed there occasionally, but I kept giving it a shot because the traffic continued to move well throughout the entire project. It was a joy to drive by seeing how the crew was tackling a phase of the project while keeping in mind traffic flow. It also was well monitored by police and definitely earned a reputation as a place to avoid excessive speed. I also appreciate that you have kept orange barrels there to remind those who don't use that stretch regularly that the road has changed. When it's all said and done, the overpass is very pleasant to the eye, highly functional, and seems to the driver that it always has been there.

I presume you don't receive many letters of appreciation but I wanted to express my appreciation to you, your team and the contractors involved. Keep up the great work!

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