March 10, 2010

Property Owner or Resident:

RE: West Main Street Realignment Project
TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYING AND MISCELLANEOUS FIELD WORK

The City of Kelso’s plans to realign West Main Street between the Allen Street Bridge and Ocean Beach Highway are moving ahead with the goal of stimulating community revitalization in the West Kelso area, reducing congestion between Kelso and Longview in West Kelso, and improving safety and mobility for vehicles, trucks, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

This letter is to inform you that the City has contracted with the firm Otak, Inc. to lead a consulting team in providing a corridor plan and design service for this project. Currently the precise locations of property lines of all types are not well documented with actual field surveys. It is critical that we know not only where the construction can go, but more important where and how much it will impact adjacent properties, including your home or business. In order to obtain that information, the consultant team will be performing survey work over the next few weeks within the project area encompassed by Cowlitz Way (SR 4), Washington Street, and 1st Avenue including intermediate side streets.

The work will consist of survey crews working on city streets and sidewalks, as well as adjacent properties to determine property lines and existing elevations. Crews will utilize traffic control for portions of the work within the street. This work will allow the design team to develop an existing base map that reflects existing physical features and City right of way. The survey team may attempt to contact you while on site if they have any questions or concerns. Markers such as wood stakes may be temporarily installed to identify objects or areas, please do not disturb the markers.

The survey field work will begin in late March. Typically, crews may be working between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions about our field activities or the project in general, please contact me at (360) 438-2837 or by e-mail at WestMain@Kelso.Gov.

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c: Mike Kardas, City of Kelso