



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

15-05

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2015, and April 4, 2015, two separate incidents of significant roadway structural damage were discovered by the Washington State Department of Transportation in King and Pierce counties, resulting in road closures, detours, and delays impacting public health, safety and property; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2015, an over height truck being driven on Front Street in Issaquah struck the Interstate 90 overpass near mile post 17, causing substantial girder damage requiring replacement and repair work estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and resulting in closure of the shoulder of Interstate 90 near the overpass until damage repairs can be completed; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2015, as part of a semiannual inspection, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Bridge Preservation Office, discovered an overhead brace on the SR 410 bridge over the White River between King and Pierce counties near mile post 22 had been bent out of alignment due to an unknown incident, causing severe structural damage requiring immediate repair work estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and resulting in closure of the bridge to traffic and the establishment of detours until the repair work is completed; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage from both incidents is estimated to be \$3,000,000, and emergency conditions require approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadways through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures to alleviate impacts to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the roadway damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in King and Pierce counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and

