



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**21-17**

**12<sup>th</sup> Street NE Overpass Damage**

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2021, the 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE overpass spanning Interstate 5 was severely damaged when a vehicle with an over-height load struck the overpass where it crosses Interstate 5 near milepost 196 in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage sustained to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE overpass will require replacement of one overpass girder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation took emergency measures, to include revising travel lanes to restrict traffic on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE from traveling over the damaged girder. These emergency conditions related to the bridge strike caused immediate serviceability concerns and significantly reduced the lifespan of the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision is \$1,800,000. Repair will require the procurement of a contractor and will necessitate interstate highway closures, which have been approved by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpass 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, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

**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 Snohomish County in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to

