City of Bellevue

Management Brief

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SUBJECT: WSDOT I-405 / NE 8th Street to SR 520 Braided Ramp Interchange Improvement Project – NE 12th Street Bridge Repair

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The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Atkinson Construction will be providing an update regarding the NE 12th Street Bridge damaged girder and the proposed solutions and timelines for repair during the June 20th Council meeting.

Since the girder was damaged on the April 1-4 demolition of the old structure, there has been ongoing coordination between WSDOT, Atkinson and the engineer of record. This has been a complex process, not only to review and reach consensus on complicated structural calculations, but because there is limited or no past experience or examples to draw from. Ensuring the safety of the travelling public has been the first concern for all parties, and NE 12th has been open to one-way westbound traffic only.

As of the writing of this brief, no formal agreement had been reached on the specific repair for the damaged girder. However, it is anticipated that WSDOT and Atkinson staff will be on hand at the June 20 meeting to discuss the proposed repair, along with a schedule for completing the work, and how this may affect opening up NE 12th to two-way traffic. City staff will also be in attendance to answer any questions about how the current detours have been working, and how the proposed schedule may affect the traveling public.