



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

25-03

White River Bridge Damage

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2025, the White River Bridge on State Route 410 between Buckley and Enumclaw was severely damaged after being struck by a semi-truck in multiple locations along the bridge at milepost 22 which borders King and Pierce counties; and

WHEREAS, the damage sustained to the bridge on State Route 410 impacted both the horizontal and vertical components of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation took emergency measures, revising travel lanes to restrict traffic from traveling over the bridge in both directions. King County authorized the use of the Foothills Trail bridge for emergency response vehicles, while damage assessments are being conducted and repair plans are made; and

WHEREAS, repairs and necessary closures were approved by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions caused immediate serviceability concerns and significantly reduced the lifespan of the bridge. The estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision could exceed \$2,000,000; and

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

WHEREAS, the bridge damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of the people in the state of Washington, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency necessitating immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, 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, and direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented in these counties. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency

Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 27th day of August A.D., two thousand and twenty-five at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Bob Ferguson
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State