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TO: Pat Sullivan, Director Office of Financial Management

FROM: Tara C. Smith, Director Aqua C. Amith Department of Enterprise Services

SUBJECT: Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2025-27 Biennium

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) has identified \$36,000,000 in one-time funding we can contribute to assist with the state's projected budget deficit. This amount is equal to approximately 10% of the agency's biennial operating budget.

DES can offer \$24M that was being preserved to support the procurement modules of the <u>One</u> <u>Washington program</u>. With the delay of One Washington, we propose transferring this funding into the state's general fund. DES commits to working with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to secure funding for the procurement phase of the project when the time comes.

The FY2024 Supplemental Transportation budget provided \$12M in funding to DES for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) implementation, with an effective date of January 2025. While preliminary EVSE projects have been identified, none have been assigned to this specific funding source. Additionally, the expedited project timeline would likely limit the number and type of projects that could be completed. For these reasons, DES proposes to let the funding lapse, resulting in savings to the 23-25 transportation budget.

DES is committed to partnering with OFM and other agencies to achieve the savings needed to alleviate the state's projected budget deficit while ensuring the value and continuity of our essential services to the enterprise and the state.

If you or your team have any questions regarding these proposed budget reductions, please contact Ashley Howard, Chief Financial Officer at <u>Ashley.Howard@des.wa.gov</u>.

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