



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Capital Projects Advisory Review Board

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The Honorable Javier Valdez, Chair  
Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs  
& Elections Committee  
Washington State Senate  
PO Box 40466  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Cindy Ryu, Chair  
House Technology, Economic Development,  
& Veterans Committee  
Washington State House of Representatives  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504

**Re: Construction Cost Escalation on Small Works Rosters**

Dear Senator Valdez and Representative Ryu:

The Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) appreciates the opportunity to review construction cost escalation data and make recommendations on adjustments to the contracting thresholds for small works rosters. The 2023 Legislature passed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5268 making changes to [RCW 39.04.152](#) and authorizing the use of Small Works Rosters. [RCW 39.04.154](#) was also created requiring CPARB to review construction cost escalation data, industry publications, roster utilization, and other data and metrics to inform recommendations on adjustments to the small works roster contracting thresholds.

Last spring, CPARB created the Construction Cost Escalation Committee to review the available information with stakeholders. This committee produced the attached Construction Cost Escalation Report Regarding Small Works Rosters which includes a recommendation to increase Small Works Roster thresholds to better support small and minority businesses to continue to remain competitive in the public works environment. This recommendation received full approval by CPARB.

CPARB is honored to serve as advisor to the legislature on issues regarding public works and the use of [alternative delivery](#). If you have any questions, please contact lead staff for CPARB, Nancy Deakins at [nancy.deakins@des.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.deakins@des.wa.gov) and (360) 280-6236, or myself at [linneith.riley-hall@soundtransit.org](mailto:linneith.riley-hall@soundtransit.org) or (206) 334-8916.

Sincerely,

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CPARB Chair

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