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**VIA E-MAIL**

**Ms. Talia Baker**  
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**RE: Endorsement of Mark Ottele - Project Review Committee reappointment**

Ms. Baker,

Please accept this correspondence as the Washington Asphalt Pavement Association's (WAPA) strong endorsement of Mark Ottele's application to be reappointed to the Project Review Committee (PRC).

I have known and worked with Mark for nearly 20 years and can attest that he has relevant job experience in bidding and building both conventional bid/ build projects and alternative delivery method projects. Mark is a Senior Project Manager and an Alternative Procurement Lead for WAPA-member firm, Granite Construction Company.

I know that Mark has been a very active and dedicated member of the PRC since his initial appointment. He attends every meeting and he has served as the panel chair on multiple project application reviews. My long association with Mark has consistently illustrated that when he focuses his time and talent to any task, he is dedicated to doing nothing short of excellent work.

For this specific appointment, I believe that Mark has the requisite "real world/ boots-on-the-ground" experience that informs his work on PRC issues. He will, once again, be a key member of the committee should his appointment be extended for an additional term. I believe his varied expertise is unique and will continue to be of great value to the mission of the PRC. WAPA is proud to endorse Mark's application to be reappointed to the PRC.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further assistance in your review of Mark's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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