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Washington State Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47308
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Renaming the Four Lakes/I-90 Overpass in memory of SCSO Sgt. Kenneth (Ken) Salas

To Whom It May Concern:

The Spokane County Board of Commissioners is writing to you in support of renaming the Four Lakes/I-90 Overpass in memory of Spokane County Sheriff's Officer Sgt. Kenneth (Ken) Salas.

On August 9, 2025, at approximately 7:40 a.m., Sgt. Salas was tragically killed when he was struck by a motorist while assisting with a large traffic hazard on eastbound I-90 near the Four Lakes exit.

Sgt. Salas dedicated his life to public service. He honorably served for more than twenty years in both the United States Army National Guard and the United States Air Force, retiring as a Technical Sergeant with the Washington Air National Guard.

Deputy Salas graduated first in his class academically from the WCJTC Corrections Academy on October 1, 1991, and again earned first in his class academically at the SCJTC Reserve Police Academy on July 12, 1993. He received his Basic Law Enforcement Certificate on May 23, 1996, and went on to serve with distinction in the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for more than thirty years.

Throughout his law enforcement career, Sgt. Ken Salas served as a School Resource Deputy, Traffic Deputy, member of the Emergency Operations Team (EOT), and advisor within the Explorer Program. In recognition of his dedication and professionalism, he was awarded the Traffic Unit Merit Award in 1999.

Sgt. Salas was promoted to Traffic Corporal in 2004, and then to Sergeant in 2009. In every role, he demonstrated steadfast leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of his community.

In consideration of his distinguished service and lasting impact, the Spokane County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the WSDOT Committee consider August 9, 2026, as the date for the dedication and renaming of the Four Lakes/I-90 Overpass in honor of Sgt. Kenneth (Ken) Salas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Brooks, Chair

Josh Kerns, Vice-Chair

Al French, Commissioner

Amber Waldref, Commissioner

Chris Jordan, Commissioner