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Remarks and Instructions

Revised Secretary's Executive Order Attached

The attached *Context Sensitive Solutions* Secretary's Executive Order E 1028.01 dated March 10, 2006, supersedes and replaces the Executive Order of the same title dated November 24, 2003. Please recycle all copies of the old Executive Order.

What Has Changed

The formatting is updated, the appendix is eliminated, and the web site references are updated.

Keep Employees Informed

Please inform employees in your organization that this document is available on the Intranet at <http://wwwi.wa.gov/docs>. Please provide copies to those employees who do not have e-mail or Intranet access, or post copies on major bulletin boards.

For More Information

For more information please contact Paula Reeves by email or telephone (360) 705-7258; or refer to the Executive Order for contact information on Highways and Local Programs and the Design Office.

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/s/ Douglas B. MacDonald Date: March 10, 2006
Secretary of Transportation

Context Sensitive Solutions

I. Introduction

Context Sensitive Solutions is a model for transportation project development that has recently received much discussion and broad acceptance. Its essence is that a proposed transportation project must be planned not only for its physical aspects as a facility serving specific transportation objectives, but also for its effects on the aesthetic, social, economic and environmental values, needs, constraints and opportunities in a larger community setting.

II. Supersession

A. Supersedes Previous Executive Order

This Secretary's Executive Order supersedes and replaces the prior version with the same title, dated November 24, 2003.

B. What has Changed

Information to carry out this Secretary's Executive Order is now consolidated on two websites, cited below. There is no longer an appendix, because information is updated as needed at those links.

III. Executive Order

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) endorses the *Context Sensitive Solutions* approach for all projects, large and small, from early planning through construction and eventual operation.

This means that WSDOT employees working on projects and facilities should:

- Engage from the project's inception with representatives of affected communities, including elected and appointed officials and a widely representative array of interested citizens.

- Assure that transportation objectives of projects are clearly described and discussed with local communities in a process that encourages reciprocal communication about local views and needs in the overall project setting.
- Pay attention to and address community and citizen concerns.
- Ensure the project is a safe facility for both the user and the community.

Context Sensitive Solutions is a process that places a high value on seeking and, if possible, achieving consensus. WSDOT's belief is that consensus is highly advantageous to all parties and may help avoid delay and other costly obstacles to project implementation.

IV. Information to Carry Out this Secretary's Executive Order

The offices of Highways and Local Programs and the State Design Engineer are charged with developing training, rules, and procedures for WSDOT employees to carry out this Executive Order. Please contact either office for more information.

- Highways and Local Programs Division (360) 705-7258
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/Operations/LocalPlanning/CSS.html>
- Design Office (360) 705-7230
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