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November 10, 2008

The Honorable Cecile Hansen
Duwamish Tribe
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Y-TSO
PE206
LTR #730

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairwoman Hansen:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond, WA. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside. Enclosed please find maps of the project area.

The western portion of the project area was originally part of the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project and was included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for that project, released in August 2006. On June 18, 2008, the FHWA authorized WSDOT to develop the Eastside Transit and HOV Project as an independent project. The SR 520 Program now consists of four major projects. These are the Bridge Replacement & HOV project, Eastside Transit & HOV project, Pontoon Construction Site project, and Urban Partnership project.

We would like to initiate consultation with the Duwamish Tribe, as an interested party pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(5). We have entered into the environmental review phase of the Eastside Transit & HOV project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate representatives of the Duwamish Tribe in order to commence consultation on the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project. The goal of the consultation is to identify any concerns early in the environmental review process and reach mutually agreeable decisions while taking into account the interests of consulting parties.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these requests. We've been in touch with you about the SR 520 Program, and we will be inquiring about your interest in the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project and about scheduling a meeting to discuss these matters further.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Margaret Kucharski, WSDOT Environmental Lead, at 206-770-3540 or kucharm@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Meredith

Julie Meredith
Program Director
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The Honorable Charlotte Williams
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
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Auburn, WA 98092

Y-TSO
PE206
LTR #729

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairwoman Williams:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond, WA. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside. Enclosed please find maps of the project area.

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We would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the Eastside Transit & HOV project. We have entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resources, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship, which the Federal Highway Administration has with the Tribe, they will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency. If this project requires a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this consultation will also meet their Section 106 responsibilities. WSDOT has been delegated the authority from FHWA to initiate consultation and to directly manage the cultural resources studies. However, you may contact FHWA or USACE at any time for assistance with the process and/or the undertaking.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate representatives of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in order to commence government-to-government consultation on the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project. The goal of the consultation is to identify any concerns early in the environmental review process and reach

mutually agreeable decisions while taking into account the interests of the Tribal, State and Federal governments.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these requests. We are currently in touch with your staff about the SR 520 Program. We will be inquiring about your Tribe's interest in the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project and about scheduling a meeting to discuss these matters further. Please let us know who are the appropriate cultural resources and natural resources staff that we should coordinate with for this project. If you have any questions, please contact me or Margaret Kucharski, WSDOT Environmental Lead, at 206-770-3540 or kucharm@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Meredith

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Ken Juell, WSDOT UCO Cultural Resources Specialist, w/o attachments
Phillip Narte, WSDOT WSF/520 Tribal Liaison, w/o attachments
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Y-TSO
PE206
LTR #728

The Honorable Joseph Mullen
Snoqualmie Tribe
P.O. Box 969
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairman Mullen:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond, WA. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside. Enclosed please find maps of the project area.

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We would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Snoqualmie Tribe for this project. We have entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resources, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship, which the Federal Highway Administration has with the Tribe, they will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency. If this project requires a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this consultation will also meet their Section 106 responsibilities. WSDOT has been delegated the authority from FHWA to initiate consultation and to directly manage the cultural resources studies. However, you may contact FHWA or USACE at any time for assistance with the process and/or the undertaking.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate representatives of the Snoqualmie Tribe in order to commence government-to-government consultation on the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project. The goal of the consultation is to

identify any concerns early in the environmental review process and reach mutually agreeable decisions while taking into account the interests of the Tribal, State and Federal governments.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these requests. We are currently in touch with your staff about the SR 520 Program. We will be inquiring about your Tribe's interest in the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project and about scheduling a meeting to discuss these matters further. Please let us know who are the appropriate cultural resources and natural resources staff that we should coordinate with for this project. If you have any questions, please contact me or Margaret Kucharski, WSDOT Environmental Lead, at 206-770-3540 or kucharm@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Y-TSO
PE206
LTR #727

The Honorable Leonard Forsman
Suquamish Tribe
P.O. Box 498
Suquamish, WA 98292

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairman Forsman:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond, WA. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside. Enclosed please find maps of the project area.

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We would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Suquamish Tribe for the Eastside Transit & HOV project. We have entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resources, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship, which the Federal Highway Administration has with the Tribe, they will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency. If this project requires a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this consultation will also meet their Section 106 responsibilities. WSDOT has been delegated the authority from FHWA to initiate consultation and to directly manage the cultural resources studies. However, you may contact FHWA or USACE at any time for assistance with the process and/or the undertaking.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other appropriate representatives of the Suquamish Tribe in order to commence government-to-government consultation on the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project. The goal of the consultation is to

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Sincerely,

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PE206
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The Honorable Melvin Sheldon
Tulalip Tribes
6700 Totem Beach Rd
Marysville, WA 98271

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairman Sheldon:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond, WA. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside. Enclosed please find maps of the project area.

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We would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Tulalip Tribes for the Eastside Transit & HOV project. We have entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resources, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship, which the Federal Highway Administration has with the Tribe, they will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency. If this project requires a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this consultation will also meet their Section 106 responsibilities. WSDOT has been delegated the authority from FHWA to initiate consultation and to directly manage the cultural resources studies. However, you may contact FHWA or USACE at any time for assistance with the process and/or the undertaking.

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November 10, 2008

The Honorable Ralph Sampson, Jr.
Yakama Nation
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948

Y-TSO
PE0206
LTR #725

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

Dear Chairman Sampson:

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We would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Yakama Nation for the Eastside Transit & HOV project. We have entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plan to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resources, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship, which the Federal Highway Administration has with the Tribe, they will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency. If this project requires a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), this consultation will also meet their Section 106 responsibilities. WSDOT has been delegated the authority from FHWA to initiate consultation and to directly manage the cultural resources studies. However, you may contact FHWA or USACE at any time for assistance with the process and/or the undertaking.

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