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The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire
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Dear Governor Gregoire:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to submit our report in response to Section 2(b) of Governor's Executive Order 09-05, *Washington's Leadership on Climate Change*.

Section 2(b) required WSDOT to work with the Puget Sound Regional Council, Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council and Thurston Regional Planning Council to cooperatively develop and adopt regional transportation plans that will, when implemented, provide people with additional transportation alternatives and choices, reduce greenhouse gases and achieve the statutory benchmarks to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) benchmarks in RCW 47.01.440. This report indicates which regional transportation planning organizations have developed, or are developing, plans with greenhouse gas strategies, which strategies appear to have the greatest potential to achieve the benchmarks, and what policy or funding issues need to be resolved to ensure implementation.

In preparing this report, WSDOT worked with the four regional transportation planning organizations whose assistance is very much appreciated.

If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Brian J. Smith, Director, Strategic Planning Division, at (360) 705-7958.

Sincerely,

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