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Mr. Dan Mathis, Division Administrator
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Dear Mr. Mathis:

Attached is the Washington State Department of Transportation's process for non-metropolitan local official consultation. We believe we have complied with 23CFR450.210(b). This regulation requires each state to have a documented, non-metropolitan consultation process "for consulting with local officials representing units of general purpose local government" during the development of the long-range statewide transportation plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and to review this process every five years. Our next scheduled review will be in 2016.

As part of its 2011 review, WSDOT developed an amended process and then solicited comments on the process from interested parties during the 60-day required period from November 10, 2010 until January 14, 2011.

During this comment period, WSDOT received six comments - four representing Tribes and two representing Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs). WSDOT incorporated the comments from the RTPOs and re-aligned the process document to more closely follow 23CFR450.210(b) after reviewing the tribal comments. We also shared the tribal comments with WSDOT's Tribal Liaison for consideration in the update of WSDOT's Tribal Consultation Protocol, as they more appropriately fall under 23CFR450.210(c).

If you have questions about WSDOT's non-metropolitan consultation process review, please contact Judy Lorenzo via e-mail (lorenzj@wsdot.wa.gov) or phone (360.705.7274).

Sincerely,

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