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SUBJECT: WSDOT, FHWA, EPA Issue Project-Level Cumulative Effects Guidance

We are happy to announce completion of this excellent guidance, a collaborative product of WSDOT, FHWA and EPA over the past year. The effort was led by Carol Lee Roalkvam (WSDOT), Kathleen McKinney (WSDOT), Sharon Love (FHWA) and Teena Reichgott (EPA). We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all those who reviewed our draft document during the summer and the fall of 2007.

We also want to acknowledge the fine work of California and Texas DOT staff who laid the foundation for our effort. We relied heavily on the TXDOT and Caltrans guidance documents. To be truly useful to practitioners, it is essential that any cumulative effects guidance be tailored to each state's unique land use laws.

We have added a link to our guidance on the WSDOT Environmental Services webpage.  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/>

While the new guidance is comprehensive, we recognize that gaps remain. We intend to develop answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" to fill those gaps. These will serve as one method to address some of the more confusing areas. Look for more information on the WSDOT Environmental Services webpage in the near future.

As you use this guidance, we welcome ideas for improvement as well as additional tools that would help you in this area.

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