


June 26, 2009

TO: Paula Hammond

THRU: Steve Reinmuth

FROM: Elizabeth Robbins   
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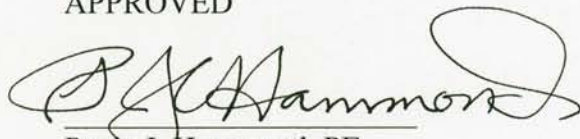
SUBJECT: June 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments for Approval

WSDOT's Transportation Planning Office coordinated with the Highways and Local Programs Division and the Public Transportation Division to review five Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendments. We find the amendments meet the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134. Based on our review, we recommend you approve the following MPO TIP amendments:

- Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments—ARRA Amendment #7
- Puget Sound Regional Council—ARRA Amendment #5
- Skagit Metropolitan Planning Organization—Amendment #4
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council—ARRA Amendment #5
- Thurston Regional Planning Council—ARRA Amendment #5

The projects in these amendments use funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and other federal and state funds.

APPROVED



Paula J. Hammond, PE  
Secretary of Transportation

6/29/09  
Date

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Attachments

cc: Jerry Ayres  
Rich Struna  
Stephanie Tax  
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Ms. Paula J. Hammond  
Secretary of Transportation  
Department of Transportation  
Olympia, Washington

Attention: Stephanie Tax

**2009-2012 STIP Amendment 09-08**

Dear Ms. Hammond:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received the June 26th letter from Ms. Stephanie Tax requesting approval of 2009-2012 STIP Amendment 09-08.

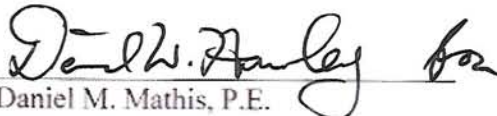
In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and the FTA, based on the Certification of the statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes for and within the State of Washington, hereby find that the projects described in 2009-2012 STIP Amendment 09-08 are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirement of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart A, B and C, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5035, and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135.

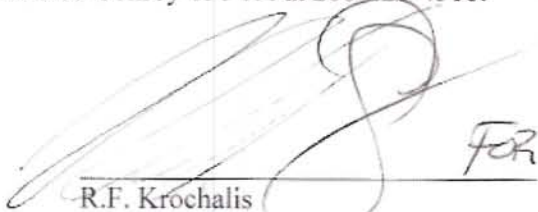
Further, we find that the TIP Amendments of PSRC, CWCOC, LCVMP, SMPO, RTC, SRTC, TRPC, WVTC, and YVCOG are in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for reducing the severity and number of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations and insuring expeditious attainment of the standards. Therefore, the amendment submitted by Ms. Tax is approved.

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Approval of the STIP and any amendments thereto are not to be construed as a Federal-aid eligibility determination. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which Federal funds are solicited, as well as other Federal requirements, before Federal funds are authorized.

If you have any questions concerning our joint action on this STIP amendment, please contact Dave Hawley of FHWA at 360-753-9418 and/or Ned Conroy of FTA at 206-220-4318.

  
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Division Administrator  
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Federal Transit Administration

cc: Elizabeth Robbins (MS: 47370), PSRC (Larry Burris), WSDOT-NW Region, WSDOT-Olympic Region, WSDOT-Southwest Region, WSDOT-Eastern Region, WSDOT-North Central Region and WSDOT-South Central Region

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