



March 11, 2009

TO: Paula Hammond

THRU: Brian Smith 

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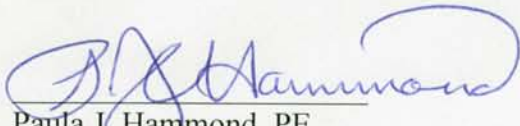
SUBJECT: February 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
for approval

WSDOT's Strategic Planning and Programming Division coordinated with the Highways and Local Programs Division and the Public Transportation Division to review six 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:

- Puget Sound Regional Council—Amendment 2
- Skagit Metropolitan Planning Organization—Amendment 2
- Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council—Amendment 1
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council—Amendment 2
- Thurston Regional Planning Council—Amendment 2
- Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council—Amendment 1

The projects in these amendments are not using funds created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We will submit several stimulus-related MPO TIP amendments on March 12, 2009.

APPROVED


Paula J. Hammond, PE
Secretary of Transportation

3/12/09
Date

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Attachments

cc: Jerry Ayres
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March 6, 2009

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Ms. Paula J. Hammond
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Olympia, Washington

Attention: Stephanie Tax

2009-2012 STIP Amendment 09-02

Dear Ms. Hammond:

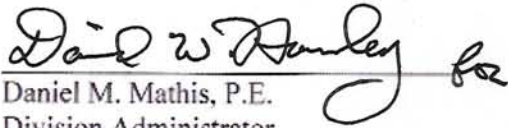
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received the February 27th letter from Ms. Stephanie Tax requesting approval of 2009-2012 STIP Amendment 09-02.

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 09-02 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, RTC, SRTC, TRPC and WVTC 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.

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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Ref: TIP Amendments: PSRC 09-02, RTC Feb-09, SRTC Feb-09, TRPC Feb-2009 and WVTC Feb-09
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