Appendix A

Correspondence

A. CORRESPONDENCE

This appendix contains the project lead agency correspondence with agencies and tribes related to project initiation, Section 106 consultation, Section 4(f) evaluation, and ESA Section 7 consultation. Copies of the referenced correspondence are on the Final EIS CD and the project website: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/.

Agency and Tribal Coordination

Project Re-Initiation

March 22, 2010 – FTA and WSDOT sent participating and cooperating agency confirmation letters to agencies and tribes. Because of the time that passed since the EIS was started in 2006, the lead agencies wanted to confirm which agencies were still interested in participating in the project. The following agencies and tribes received confirmation letters:

City of Edmonds
City of Everett
City of Mukilteo
Community Transit
Everett Transit
Federal Highway Administration
Island County
Island Transit
Lummi Nation
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Park Service
Nooksack Tribe
Port of Everett
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Regional Council
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Snohomish County
Snoqualmie Tribe
Sound Transit
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Tulalip Tribes
Upper Skagit Tribe
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Washington State Department of Ecology
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

FTA and WSDOT received responses to the agency status confirmation letters from the following agencies and tribes (date of response also indicated):

City of Everett – March 29, 2010
City of Mukilteo – March 29, 2010
Community Transit – April 19, 2010
Federal Highway Administration – April 30, 2010
Island County – March 24, 2010
National Park Service – April 1, 2010
Port of Everett – April 13, 2010
Puget Sound Regional Council – April 19, 2010
Samish Indian Nation – May 12, 2010
Snohomish County – April 22, 2010
Sound Transit – April 9, 2010
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians – December 15, 2010
Tulalip Tribes – November 19, 2010
U.S. Coast Guard – April 26, 2010
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – March 24, 2010
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – March 29, 2010
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – April 19, 2010
Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation – April 1, 2010
Washington State Department of Ecology – November 19, 2010

Scoping

August 30, 2010 – FTA and WSDOT sent letters inviting tribes to participate in an Agency and Tribal Scoping Meeting on September 29, 2010. The following tribes received letters:

Duwamish Tribe
Lummi Nation
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Nooksack Indian Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Snohomish Tribe of Indians
Snoqualmie Nation
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
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Section 106 Consultation

The following summarizes the project's coordination with tribes and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) related to Section 106.

December 11, 2003 – FTA letter to DAHP describing the project and the area of potential effects.

December 16, 2003 – Letter from DAHP concurring with the definition of the area of potential effects, Log # 121603-01-FTA.

Undated –FTA letter to DAHP containing an updated project description and information about the APE.

January 3, 2006 – Letter from DAHP requesting additional information for modeling review, Log # 022305-22-FTA.

April 3, 2006 – Letter from Suquamish Tribe re: review of "Draft Cultural Resources Assessment Discipline Report"

February 6, 2007 – Letter from DAHP requesting additional information for review, Log # 022305-22-FTA.

March 28, 2007 – Letter from Tulalip Tribes containing comments on "Draft Report on Heritage Investigations at the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal Site".

April 9, 2007 – Letter from Lummi Nation containing comments on "Draft Results of Additional Heritage Resources Investigations at the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project Site (dated Dec. 14, 2006)".

February 2, 2009 – Letter from DAHP commenting on the Additional Heritage Resources Investigations at the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project Site, Log # 022305-22-FTA.

February 19, 2010 – Letter from Tulalip Tribes in response to Feb. 10, 2010 meeting, outlining the tribe's interest in the project area (Point Elliott Treaty and shell midden) and concerns about impacts to tribal fisheries.

March 12, 2010 – FTA letter to Tulalip Tribes in response to tribe's Feb. 19, 2010 letter.

August 26, 2010 – FTA and WSDOT letter to Muckleshoot Indian Tribe requesting Section 106 consultation and inviting the tribe to be a cooperating agency.

August 26, 2010 – FTA and WSDOT letter to Tulalip Tribes requesting a meeting for Section 106 consultation.

November 19, 2010 – Letter from Tulalip Tribes containing scoping comments.

January 27, 2011 – Letter from DAHP eligibility determination for archaeological sites associated with the Mukilteo Tank Farm, Log # 022305-22-FTA.

August 3, 2011 – FTA and WSDOT letter to tribes requesting comment on the Cultural Resources Discipline Report. The following tribes received letters:

Lummi Nation	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Suquamish Tribe
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August 11, 2011 – FTA letter to DAHP requesting concurrence with cultural resources determinations of eligibility. Cultural Resources Discipline Report was included for review, Log # 121603-01-FTA.

August 30, 2011 – FTA letter to DAHP requesting concurrence with cultural resources determinations of eligibility. Cultural Resources Discipline Report was included for review, Log # 121603-01-FTA.

September 14, 2011 – Letter from DAHP containing Cultural Resources Discipline Report review comments and concurrence on determinations of eligibility, Log # 040110-29-FTA.

November 21, 2011 – FTA letter to DAHP, Request for Concurrence DAHP Log # 121603-01-FTA. Included Historic Property Inventory reports.

December 19, 2011 – Letter from DAHP letter regarding the determination of properties not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, Log # 040110-29-FTA.

June 4, 2012 – FTA letter to DAHP, Determination of Adverse Effect and Request for Concurrence DAHP Log # 040110-29-FTA.

June 4, 2012 – FTA letter inviting DAHP and Advisory Council on History (ACHP) to participate in the Section 106 of the to develop the MOA.

June 12, 2012 – FTA letter to tribes inviting the tribe to participate as a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to resolve adverse effects on historic and cultural resources. The following tribes received letters:

Lummi Nation	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Suquamish Tribe
Samish Indian Nation	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	Tulalip Tribes
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June 13, 2012 – Letter fron DAHP accepting invitation to further consultation and development of the MOA, Log # 040110-29-FTA.

June 14, 2012 – FTA letter to ACHP, supplement to the June 4, 2012 letter.

Section 4(f) Evaluation

September 21, 2011 – Letter from City of Everett, Planning and Community Development, containing concerns about the Elliot Point 1 Alternative.

October 19, 2011 – WSDOT letter to City of Everett responding to City's concerns about the Elliot Point 1 Alternative.

February 13, 2013 – Letter from the City of Mukilteo regarding agreement on replacement of the fishing pier and day moorage related to the relocation of the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal as proposed with the Preferred Alternative.

March 15, 2013 – Letter from the Port of Everett to Washington State Ferries regarding agreement on replacement of fishing pier and day moorage relocation of Mukilteo Ferry Terminal with the Preferred Alternative.

March 29, 2013 – FTA letter to the U.S. Department of Interior regarding Section 4(f) review of the Mukilteo Multimodal Project, Mukilteo, WA.

ESA Section 7 Consultation

October 26, 2012 FTA letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding ESA formal consultation and Biological Assessment.

October 26, 2012 FTA letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding ESA formal consultation and Biological Assessment.

December 19, 2012, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Letter to FTA, concurring with determination of effect for bull trout.

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March 22, 2010

City of Edmonds
Economic Development Department
ATTN: Mr. Stephen Clifton, Acting Director
121 5th Ave. N
Edmonds, WA 98020

**Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
Request for Cooperating Agency Status**

Dear Mr. Clifton:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF) have reinitiated the process to complete a joint National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mukilteo Multimodal Project (Project) located in the City of Mukilteo, Snohomish County, Washington. A reinitiation meeting was held on February 10. Enclosed is a copy of the presentation and the meeting summary.

Because the range of potential alternatives has expanded, we request that your agency act as a Cooperating Agency for this project. If the City of Edmonds will not act as a Cooperating Agency, we request your involvement as a Participating Agency.

Project Description

WSF and FTA are evaluating a new multimodal terminal to replace the existing ferry terminal in Mukilteo. The study area for the project extends from Edmonds to Everett. The new terminal would improve the transportation service provided by the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal and its operations in providing safe, reliable and effective service for general purpose transportation,

transit, high occupancy vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. WSF and FTA have determined that previously developed alternatives for the project are not viable. The project team is developing new alternatives that include the following key features:

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- Parking facilities

Based on feedback received earlier in the NEPA/SEPA process, any alternatives proposed for the Air Force Tank Farm property in Mukilteo would also include removal of the entire pier over Possession Sound.

WSF plans to start construction in 2015 and complete the project in 2019. See Attachment 1 for the proposed project milestone schedule.

Cooperating Agency Role

Your participation as a Cooperating Agency is invited because you have special expertise or permitting authority for this project's affected environment. Together, we could identify those environmental factors you consider to be most critical, and ensure that the combined NEPA/SEPA EIS would adequately address your concerns. FTA and WSF are currently developing a range of alternatives to be evaluated along with the No Action Alternative.

As a Cooperating Agency, your agency's involvement would entail those areas under its jurisdiction or special expertise that need to be addressed to satisfy your concerns. No direct writing or analysis will be required of your agency for the document's preparation. However, we do hope that you will tell us if, at any point in the process, your needs are not being met.

If you agree to become a Cooperating Agency, we will take the following actions to maximize interagency cooperation:

- Welcome your input to the proposed project milestone schedule (see attachment 1)
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- Provide adequate information for your agency to discharge their NEPA and SEPA responsibilities and any other requirements regarding jurisdictional approvals, permits, licenses, and/or clearances

More information describing how we propose to work with your agency on this project can be found in the enclosed Updated Coordination Plan. We would appreciate your review and comment on this document.

FTA intends to use the Final EIS as the basis for the Record of Decision (ROD) that will become the administrative decision document. We expect the documents to address your concerns related to alternative selection, environmental consequences and mitigation, and the responsibilities of your agency under federal and state laws and regulations.

If your agency elects to participate in the project as a Cooperating Agency, **please forward your response to us in writing by surface mail by April 26, 2010**. A reply sheet and a pre-addressed envelope are enclosed to ease your reply. Please also indicate on the reply sheet which documents from the list below you would be interested in reviewing.

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- Geology and Soils
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Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Chave, City of Edmonds
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March 22, 2010

City of Everett
Planning & Community Development
ATTN: Mr. Dave Tyler
2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 800
Everett, WA 98201-4044

Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
Request for Cooperating Agency Status

Dear Mr. Tyler:

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City of Mukilteo
Planning & Community Development
ATTN: Ms. Heather McCartney, Director
11930 Cyrus Way
Mukilteo, WA 98275

Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
Request for Confirmation of Cooperating Agency Status

Dear Ms. McCartney:

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March 22, 2010

Community Transit
ATTN: Mr. Scott Ritterbush, Senior Transportation Planner
7100 Hardeson Road
Everett, WA 98203

**Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
Request for Confirmation of Cooperating Agency Status**

Dear Mr. Ritterbush:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF) have reinitiated the process to complete a joint National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mukilteo Multimodal Project (Project) located in the City of Mukilteo, Snohomish County, Washington. We appreciate Community Transit's attendance at the reinitiation meeting on February 10. Enclosed is a copy of the presentation and the meeting summary.

We request that Community Transit act as a **Cooperating Agency** for this project. If Community Transit will not act as a Cooperating Agency, we request your involvement as a Participating Agency.

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Cooperating Agency Role

Your participation as a Cooperating Agency is invited because you have special expertise on this project's affected environment. Together, we could identify those environmental factors you consider to be most critical, and ensure that the combined NEPA/SEPA EIS would adequately address your concerns. FTA and WSF are currently developing a range of alternatives to be evaluated along with the No Action Alternative.

As a Cooperating Agency, your agency's involvement would entail those areas under its jurisdiction or special expertise that need to be addressed to satisfy your concerns. No direct writing or analysis will be required of your agency for the document's preparation. However, we do hope that you will tell us if, at any point in the process, your needs are not being met.

If you agree to become a Cooperating Agency, we will take the following actions to maximize interagency cooperation:

- Welcome your input to the proposed project milestone schedule (see attachment 1)
- Invite you to agency coordination meetings and joint field reviews
- Consult with you on any relevant technical studies that will be required for the project
- Provide you with study results, meeting minutes, and project information
- Invite you to agency and public involvement activities
- Provide a review copy of the draft technical studies of your interest for comment with a request for your expedited response
- Provide a review copy of the Draft EIS and Final EIS for comment with a 30 day response request

- Provide adequate information for your agency to discharge their NEPA and SEPA responsibilities and any other requirements regarding jurisdictional approvals, permits, licenses, and/or clearances

More information describing how we propose to work with your agency on this project can be found in the enclosed Updated Coordination Plan. We would appreciate your review and comment on this document.

FTA intends to use the Final EIS as the basis for the Record of Decision (ROD) that will become the administrative decision document. We expect the documents to address your concerns related to alternative selection, environmental consequences and mitigation, and the responsibilities of your agency under federal and state laws and regulations.

If your agency elects to participate in the project as a Cooperating Agency, **please forward your response to us in writing by surface mail by April 26, 2010**. A reply sheet and a pre-addressed envelope are enclosed to ease your reply. Please also indicate on the reply sheet which documents from the list below you would be interested in reviewing.

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Thank you again for your interest in and assistance with this project. We look forward to talking with you in the near future.

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March 22, 2010

Everett Transit
ATTN: Mr. George Baxter, Transportation Services Manager
3201 Smith Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
Request for Confirmation of Participating Agency Status

Dear Mr. Baxter:

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Participating Agency Role

Because of the time that has passed since the EIS was started in 2006, we would like to confirm that your **agency will continue to act as a Participating Agency** on this project under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).
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Federal Highway Administration
ATTN: Mr. Daniel Mathis, Division Administrator
711 South Capitol Way, Suite 501
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
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Island County, Planning & Community Development
ATTN: Mr. Robert Pederson
P.O. Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000

Re: Mukilteo Multimodal Project
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