Washington State Department of Transportation

Eastside Transit and HOV Project

STATE ROUTE 520

February 23, 2009

LTR #775

Hank Gobin
Tulalip Tribes
6410 23rd Ave. NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Dear Mr. Gobin:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is continuing consultation for the above-referenced project.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Sound Transit are planning the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project in King County, Washington. The project would complete the HOV system along approximately 8.5 miles of State Route (SR) 520 from the vicinity of Evergreen Point Road in Medina to the SR 202 interchange in Redmond. Between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE, SR 520 would be reconstructed in a "4+2" lane configuration (four general purpose lanes and two HOV lanes). East of 108th Avenue NE, existing outside HOV lanes would be restriped to the inside.

Enclosed please find maps that illustrate the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE), which was determined by WSDOT Cultural Resources Specialist Ken Juell and Connie Walker Gray. The proposed APE includes mainline widening, several intersection improvements that include roadway widening, lids, and ADA-approved pedestrian walkways and upgrades, and known staging, temporary storage, and storm water management facilities. If there are any changes to the project, we will notify you and provide additional information, including a revised APE map.

The APE for this project includes one parcel on either side of the SR 520 right-of-way. This will account both for direct effects to historic properties, as well as potential indirect effect caused by noise, dust and dirt, vibration, change of setting, or other factors. All historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts constructed prior to 1965 will be documented.

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The archaeological portion of the APE includes a vertical element in order to consider potential effects from ground disturbance, both within the SR 520 right-of-way and the adjoining intersections to be improved. The vertical APE is defined as either the full vertical limit of all proposed construction, or the depth to consolidated glacial sediments, whichever is shallower. The latter part of the definition assumes that glacial sediments either pre-date all human occupation in the Puget Sound region, or would have been deposited after ice sheets scoured the landform and removed any physical evidence of pre-glacial human occupation.

Your response to this letter, commenting on our determination, is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your comments on the APE by March 25, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact me or Margaret Kucharski, WSDOT Environmental Lead, at 206-770-3540 or kucharm@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Meredith

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STATE ROUTE 520

February 23, 2009

LTR #776

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March 3, 2009

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 101408-10-FHWA
Property: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV
Re: Archaeology - APE Concur

Dear Mr. Juell:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project. Thank you for your description of the area of potential effect (APE) for the project. We have no comment on your definition of the APE at this time. We look forward to the results of your cultural resources survey efforts, your consultation with the concerned tribes, and receiving the survey report. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our Web site. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2009

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Log Number 101408-10-FHWA

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project
King County, Washington
Revised Area of Potential Effects and
Determinations of Eligibility

Dear Dr. Brooks:

Thank you for the letter from Matthew Sterner dated March 3, 2009, stating that your office has no comment on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the above-referenced project. Per provisions of 36CFR800, the Washington State Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is continuing consultation on this project.

Enclosed please find a new set of APE maps that show where the APE has been expanded to accommodate new project elements, including stormwater treatment areas (Appendix A). You will note that all areas of APE expansion are shaded in orange, and can be found on Sheets 1 and 2.

In addition, please find hardcopies of Washington State Historic Property Inventory Database forms for the 63 built environment resources (constructed in or before 1969)

within the APE, as well as a table which summarizes all the historic resources (Appendix B). Also enclosed is a CD with database export files and related photographs.

Of the 63 properties constructed prior to 1969, three are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and are considered historic properties as defined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The remaining 60 properties are not eligible for the NRHP. The eligible properties are:

- 2851 Evergreen Point Way/ James Arntson House
- 10606 Northup Way/BurgerMaster
- 7800 NE 28th Street/Bellevue Christian School (will be eligible in 2011)

Further, one building is eligible for listing in the Washington Heritage Register, but is not eligible for listing in the NRHP, and is not considered a historic property as defined in Section 106:

- 2857 Evergreen Point Road/Helen Pierce House

We look forward to your comment on our revised APE, as well as your concurrence on our determinations of eligibility for the historic resources within the APE by April 16, 2009. As you are aware, we are continuing our Section 106 and NEPA evaluation for this project. Upon your concurrence on the eligibility determinations, we will evaluate whether our undertaking will have an adverse effect on historic properties within the APE. If you have any questions about these determinations, or would like additional information, please contact me at 206-716-1138 or grayc@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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WSDOT Cultural Resources Specialist

Enclosure

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April 15, 2009

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 101408-10-FHWA
Property: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV
Re: Determined Eligible

Dear Mr. Juell:

Thank you for contacting our office. I have reviewed the materials you provided to our office and we concur with your consultant's professional opinion that the following historic properties are eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. I look forward to further consultation regarding your determination of effect.

Arntson house
Bellevue Christian
BurgerMaster

We did not concur with the following determination of eligibility and suggest that additional information be provided and additional photos be submitted:

2879 Evergreen Point Rd
2831 Hunt's Point Rd
3001 Hunt's Point Rd
3001 Hunt's Point Circle
8305 Hunt's Point Circle
8311 Hunt's Point Circle
8315 Hunt's Point Circle
3208 92nd Ave NE

We concur with the findings of your professional consultant that the other 55 properties surveyed in the APE for this undertaking are not eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places.

I would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is

available. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2009

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 101408-10-FHWA
Property: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV
Re: Archaeology - APE Concur

Dear Mr. Juell:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project. Thank you for your description of the revised area of potential effect (APE) for the project. We concur with the definition of the revised APE. We look forward to the results of your cultural resources survey efforts, your consultation with the concerned tribes, and receiving the survey report. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available.

I understand that you have received a separate letter from Mr. Russell Holter (April 15, 2009) regarding our agency's concurrence with 58 National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility determinations for properties within the APE. I also understand that Mr. Holter requested additional information on 8 properties within the APE. Concurrence on the historic properties will be complete once the additional information is submitted to our office. If you have not yet received this letter, please contact me immediately and I will have a copy provided to you.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our Web site. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project

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April 28, 2009

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Log Number 101408-10-FHWA

Re: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project
King County, Washington
Determinations of Eligibility – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dear Dr. Brooks:

Thank you for the letter from Russell Holter dated April 15, 2009, regarding determinations of eligibility for historic resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the above-referenced project. Per provisions of 36CFR800, the Washington State Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is continuing consultation on this project.

In the April 15 letter, Mr. Holter concurred with our determinations of eligibility and non-eligibility for 58 properties within the APE for the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project. With this submittal, we are providing additional information for the eight (8) properties Mr. Holter did not concur with. Upon further review, including an additional site visit on April 16 and 17, 2009, we determined that many of those eight properties

have been more significantly altered than the Historic Property Inventory forms reported. Further, one property (3001 Hunt's Point Circle) has been demolished since we submitted the determinations of eligibility to your office.

We have not changed our original determinations: the remaining seven properties are NOT ELIGIBLE for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). However, we are providing additional information and photographs of those properties that we trust will aid in your evaluation. Once you have reviewed the materials on the following pages, we will update the HPI forms for final submittal.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any additional questions about these properties. We look forward to your concurrence on the final seven determinations of eligibility by June 1, 2009. If you have any questions about these determinations, or would like additional information, please contact me at 206-716-1138 or grayc@wsdot.wa.gov.

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

STATE ROUTE 520

May 13, 2009

LTR #075

The Honorable Cecile Hansen
Duwamish Tribe
4717 W. Marginal Way SW
Seattle, WA 98106

Re: Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project
SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program
Revised Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Dear Chairwoman Hansen:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)1, the regulations pertaining to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is continuing consultation related to the above-referenced project.

We have identified a series of wetland mitigation sites for the project and are herein expanding the Area of Potential Effects (APE) to include these new project elements. We will be conducting subsurface investigations on these parcels to determine if archaeological historic properties are present, and will sample each parcel to a depth sufficient to include the entire vertical aspect of planned ground disturbance. We have not added a buffer zone around any wetland mitigation parcels because we believe planting and stream enhancements will have no indirect adverse effects to any historic property on adjacent parcels. We plan to begin fieldwork - starting with the Keller Site, one of the potential wetland mitigation sites – very soon and will notify you of the start date by telephone and email.

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

STATE ROUTE 520

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LTR #070

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Re: Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project
SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program
Revised Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Dear Ms. Murphy:

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

STATE ROUTE 520

May 13, 2009

LTR # 071

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program
Revised Area of Potential Effects (APE)

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

STATE ROUTE 520

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LTR # 072

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Re: Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project
SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program
Revised Area of Potential Effects (APE)

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