A Long and Winding Road: Collaboration on Long-Term and Complex Projects

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Cultural Resources Program Mission

The mission of the Cultural Resources Program is to provide WSDOT with cultural resources management expertise that meets the highest standards of our profession and best serves the citizens of Washington State.

Our Goal

To provide real public benefit: to move beyond “just” compliance to cultural resources management that provides tangible benefits to the public through preservation, documentation, and education, and that increases our knowledge and understanding of our shared history.
Canoe Journey Stop at Mukilteo 2007 - 46 Canoes landed there on their way to Lummi
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Chief Seattle’s People
SR 99: Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program
SR 520: Bridge Replacement and HOV Program
Cultural Resources Consultation

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
  - Requires Federal Agencies to take into account effects to historic properties (including archaeological sites and traditional cultural places) of Federal actions
  - Consultation with Federally recognized tribes is required under Section 106 for undertakings with the potential to affect historic properties.
  - Adverse effects to historic properties are resolved through agreements (Memoranda of Agreements or Programmatic Agreements) outlining avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation for effects.
- Other applicable federal and state laws may include: NAGPRA, RCW 27.44, RCW 27.53, State Executive Order 05-05.