

Appendix D

Agency and Tribal Consultation Letters



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Dr. Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation officer
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Subject: **Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process, Scoping Notice, &
Initiation of Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE) project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS will be a combined document under NEPA and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Sound Transit will be the lead agency under SEPA and FTA will be the lead agency under NEPA.

Notification of Undertaking

The project seeks to identify and evaluate alternatives to extend Link light rail from South 200th Street in SeaTac to the Federal Way Transit Center area in Federal Way. The project corridor is approximately 7.6 miles long and parallels State Route (SR) 99 and Interstate 5 (I-5). The project corridor generally follows a topographic ridge between the Puget Sound and the Green River Valley where the city limits of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, and Federal Way meet. The project was identified in the regional light rail system expansion called for in the voter approved Sound Transit 2 (ST2) Plan. It is needed to provide a dependable and efficient connection along the corridor and respond to a growing number of transportation and community needs.

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<http://www.soundtransit.org/FWextension>.

Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

To ensure that we account for any effects of this undertaking on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, FTA confirms the initiation of Section 106 consultation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(a)(4).

Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process

As part of the environmental review process for this project, the lead agencies must identify, as early as practicable, any other Federal and non-Federal agencies that may have an interest in the project, and invite such agencies to become participating agencies in the environmental review process¹. Your agency has been identified preliminarily as one that may have an interest in this project. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to become actively involved as a participating agency in the environmental review process for the project and to attend an agency scoping meeting.

As a participating agency, you will be asked to:

- Participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, EIS analysis methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.
- Identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Provide meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participate in the EIS scoping process.

The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) does not have to accept this invitation. However, if DAHP elects not to become a participating agency, FTA and Sound Transit request that you decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, no expertise or information relevant to the project, and does not intend to submit comments on the project.

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Scoping

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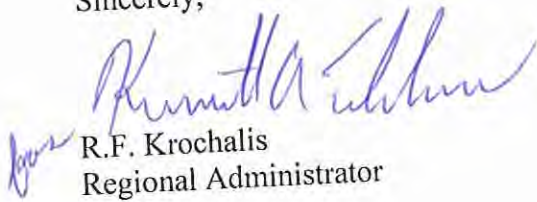
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of the EIS, please contact Steve Saxton, FTA, at (206) 220-4311 or james.saxton@dot.gov or Kent Hale, Sound Transit, at (206) 398-5103 or kent.hale@soundtransit.org.

Sincerely,


R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

cc: Matthew Sterner, DAHP
Cathal Ridge, Sound Transit
Kent Hale, Sound Transit

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Virginia Cross
Tribal Chair
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
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**Subject: Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
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The Honorable Virginia Cross:

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Sincerely,



for R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

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Karen Walter, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Allyson Brooks, DAHP
Cathal Ridge, Sound Transit
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Herman Dillon, Sr.
Tribal Chair
Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation
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The Honorable Herman Dillon, Sr.:

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Carolyn Lubenau
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**Subject: Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
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The Honorable Carolyn Lubenau:

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R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

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PO Box 277
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**Subject: Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
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The Honorable Shawn Yanity:

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June 11, 2013

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**Subject: Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process, Scoping Notice, &
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The Honorable Harry Smiskin:

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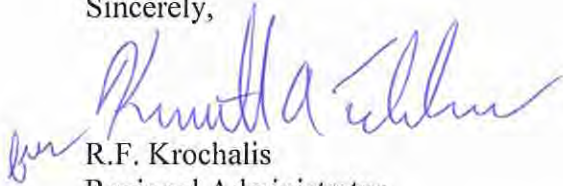
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June 12, 2013

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Subject: **Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
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The Honorable Michael Evans:

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June 12, 2013

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Subject: **Sound Transit Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)
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November 27, 2013

Dr. Allyson Brooks
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RE: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension, Proposed Area of Potential Effect

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit initiated consultation under 36 CFR 800.2(a)(4) for the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) in June 2013. We now request your comments and concurrence with the proposed area of potential effects (APE). Consistent with 36 CFR 800.16(d), the proposed APE represents the area within which the undertaking may "directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties if such properties exist." Below is a summary of the project and the proposed APE.

1.1.1 Project Location

Des Moines, WA / Poverty Bay, WA 7.5' USGS Quads
Township 21 N Range 4 E
Sections 4, 5, 8, 9 & 16
Township 22 N Range 4 E
Sections 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 32 & 33

1.1.2 Project Description

The FWLE Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will evaluate a set of light rail alignments and stations that would extend Link light rail transit service from the future Angle Lake Link light rail station at South 200th Street in SeaTac to the Federal Way Transit Center area in Federal Way. The project corridor is approximately 7.6 miles long and parallels State Route 99 (SR 99) and Interstate 5 (I-5). It generally follows a topographic ridge between Puget Sound and the Green River Valley where the city limits of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, and Federal Way meet. The alternatives which will be evaluated in the Draft EIS are described below.

- SR 99 Alternative: The SR 99 Alternative generally follows the median of SR 99 but transitions to the east or west side at major intersections or to access station areas. This alternative includes design options to transition to 30th Avenue South and to transition to the east and west sides of SR 99 at various locations. The SR 99 Alternative includes stations in the vicinity of South 216th Street, South 240th Street, South 260th Street, South 272nd Street, and South 317th Street.

- I-5 Alternative: The I-5 Alternative follows the west side of I-5. It includes a design option to transition to the I-5 median in the area adjacent to the Midway Landfill. The I-5 Alternative includes stations in the vicinity of South 240th Street, South 272nd Street, and South 317th Street.
- SR 99/I-5 Alternative: The SR 99/I-5 Alternative is identical to the SR 99 Alternative from the north end of the project area to approximately Kent-Des Moines Road. Near Kent-Des Moines Road, the alignment transitions to the east and follows the I-5 Alternative alignment to the south end of the project area. The alternative includes design options along 30th Avenue South and within the I-5 median adjacent to the Midway Landfill.
- I-5/SR 99 Alternative: This alignment is identical to the I-5 Alternative from the north end of the project area to approximately Kent-Des Moines Road. Near Kent-Des Moines Road, the alignment transitions to the west and follows the SR 99 Alternative alignment to the south end of the project area. This alternative includes design options along the east and west sides of SR 99.

1.1.3 Definition of the APE

The APE extends 200 feet from each side of the center of the guideway alignments. It also includes a radius of approximately 200 feet from the outer limits of station locations and ancillary facilities. Specific locations and footprints for the Kent-Des Moines station in the vicinity of South 240th Street and the Federal Way Transit Center station in the vicinity of 317th Street have not been finalized. In these areas the APE includes all of the area between Kent-Des Moines Road, South 240th Street, SR 99, and I-5 and most of the area between South 312th Street and South 320th Street in Federal Way (see Figure 1, page 3 and Figure 2, page 5). Excluded from consideration is part of Steel Lake Park.

The APE also includes the areas where the project could directly disturb prehistoric and historic-period archaeological resources. Although the locations of project elements are not precisely known at this stage of the project, they are anticipated to be within the 200 foot buffer around the project elements described above. Details regarding the depth of construction will vary by alternative and will be developed as the project continues through project review and design.

Sound Transit will identify all potential direct and indirect effects to historic and archaeological resources listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the APE boundaries. Sound Transit will accordingly inventory built environment resources constructed in or before 1970. A preliminary review of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation records indicates that no historic era buildings and structures properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and no archaeological properties are within the APE.

We look forward to your comments on the proposed APE. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Steve Saxton, FTA, at 206-220-4311 or james.saxton@dot.gov or Kent Hale, Sound Transit, at 206-395-5103 or kent.hale@soundtransit.org.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Regional Administrator

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Kent Hale, Sound Transit

Enclosures: Figure 1-Area of Potential Effects - USGS Quad Maps (3)
Figure 2-Area of Potential Effects – Aerial Imagery (5)

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State Historic Preservation Officer

December 30, 2013

Mr. Steve Saxton
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In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 102912-18-FTA
Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension
Re: Archaeology - APE Concur

Dear Mr. Saxton:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the Federal Way Link Extension project. Thank you for your description of the area of potential effect (APE) for the project. We concur with the definition of the 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.

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 requires that all historic property inventory and archaeological site forms be provided to our office electronically. If you have not registered for a copy of the database, please log onto our website at www.dahp.wa.gov and go to the Survey/Inventory page for more information and a registration form. To assist you in conducting a survey, DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our website. Also, please note that DAHP requires that all cultural resource reports be submitted in PDF format on a labeled CD or electronically. For further information please go to http://www.dahp.wa.gov/documents/CR_ReportPDF_Requirement.pdf.

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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RE: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension, DAHP Log No.: 102912-18-FTA
Request for Concurrence with Eligibility and Non-Eligibility Determinations

Dear Mr. Sterner:

Thank you for your letter dated December 30, 2013 concurring with the area of potential effect (APE) for the Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) log number 102912-18-FTA. Since your letter, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit have prepared historic property inventory (HPI) forms for ten properties in the project APE. At this time, we seek your comments and concurrence on the proposed eligibility and non-eligibility determinations.

The APE for the Federal Way Link Extension includes over 300 properties that were constructed in or before 1970. FTA will be submitting HPI forms for the properties within the APE in two batches. This first batch includes HPI forms for ten properties within the APE. The second batch will include the remaining HPI forms for the project corridor.

Below is a brief summary of the ten properties that HPI forms are being submitted for at this time. Maps which identify the location of the properties and a table which identifies the properties and the proposed eligibility determination are enclosed. The HPI forms have been recorded in the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP's) database. **Please let us know if you would like hardcopies of the HPI forms.**

- *Highline Water District Water Tanks* - There are four water tanks located on the Highline Water District Water Tanks property. The largest elevated water tank constructed in 1962 was previously evaluated for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2012. DAHP determined that the elevated water tank is eligible under Criterion C as it retains sufficient integrity.

FTA and Sound Transit evaluated the four water tanks on the property and propose that the Highline Water District Water Tank property is not eligible for listing in the NRHP. While the water tanks retain integrity, they are typical elevated water towers and ground level

tanks that lack distinguishing features and do not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Additionally, the tanks are not the work of a master and do not possess high artistic value. Therefore, the property is not eligible under NRHP Criterion C. The property is also not eligible under Criteria A, B, or D as it is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history (Criterion A), is not directly associated with a person considered significant within a historic context whose specific contribution to history has been identified and documented (Criterion B), and the materials and construction methods do not convey important information that could contribute to understanding history or prehistory (Criterion D).

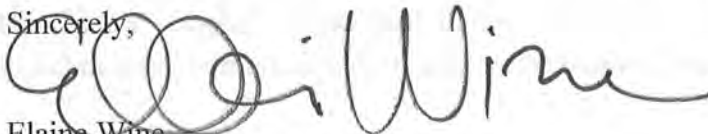
- *Highline Community College Buildings* - Highline Community College Buildings 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 are located within the project APE and have not been previously evaluated for listing in the NRHP. FTA and Sound Transit propose that all four buildings are eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion C, for their architectural significance as examples of 1960's era tilt-up construction with exposed aggregate concrete exteriors.
- *Park of the Pines* – FTA and Sound Transit propose that the Park of the Pines Auditorium, Lot 7, and Lot 8 are not eligible for listing in the NRHP. The properties do not appear to be associated with important persons or events (Criteria A and B), are not architecturally distinctive and have been subject to extensive alternations (Criterion C), and the material and construction methods do not convey important information that could contribute to understanding history or prehistory (Criterion D).

FTA and Sound Transit also propose the Park of the Pines buildings do not comprise an eligible historic district. The buildings on Lot 7 and Lot 8 consist of a loose collection of residential accessory buildings that pre-date the formation of the conference center. The buildings are not united by any visible plan and do not appear to share significant historic context.

- *Calvary Lutheran Church* - FTA and Sound Transit propose that the Calvary Lutheran Church is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria C for the 1967 sanctuary's architectural significance as an example of Neo-Expressionist architectural style.

FTA requests your concurrence with the proposed determinations of eligibility and non-eligibility. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Steve Saxton at (206) 220-4311 or james.saxton@dot.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Elaine Wine

Director, Operations and Program Management

Enclosure:HPI Table
Maps (Exhibits 1 through 5)

Cc: (electronic) Kent Hale, Sound Transit

SOUND TRANSIT FEDERAL WAY LINK EXTENSION – GROUP 1 HPI FORMS

| Historic Name | Common Name | Field Site # | Address | Proposed Eligibility Determination |
|---|---|---------------------|--|---|
| King County Water District 75 water tanks | Highline Water District Water Tanks | n/a | 21420 31st Ave S, SeaTac, WA 98198 | Not Eligible |
| Highline Community College Biology Building | Highline Community College -- Building 12 | 1629-121 | 2400 S 240th St, Des Moines, WA 98198 | Eligible |
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| Highline Community College Faculty Offices | Highline Community College -- Building 15 | 1629-121 | 2400 S 240th St, Des Moines, WA 98198 | Eligible |
| Highline Community College - Vocational and Technical buildings | Highline Community College - Building 16 | 1629-121 | 2400 S 240th St, Des Moines, WA 98198 | Eligible |
| Park of the Pines | Park of the Pines (Auditorium) | 247 | 23458 S 32nd Ave, Kent, WA 98032 | Not Eligible |
| | Park of the Pines (Lot 7) | n/a | 23458 30th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032 | Not Eligible |
| | Park of the Pines (Lot 8) | n/a | 23634 30th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032 | Not Eligible |
| Calvary Lutheran Church | Calvary Lutheran Church | 7499-293 | 2415 S 320th St, Federal Way, WA 98003 | Eligible |

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

March 14, 2014

Mr. Steve Saxton
Federal Transit Administration
915 2nd Avenue
Federal Building, Suite 3142
Seattle, WA 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 102912-18-FTA
Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension
Re: Determined of Eligibility – Phase 1

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting our office. I have reviewed the materials you provided to our office for 10 properties within the APE for the Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension. Our understanding is that additional HPIF (300+) will follow. After careful evaluation I have determined that the following properties are Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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| Calvary Lutheran Church- | Eligible |
| King County Dist. 75 Water Tanks- | Eligible |
| Highline Community College: Biology Building - | Eligible |
| Highline Community College: Building 13 - | Eligible |
| Highline Community College: Building 14 - | Eligible |
| Highline Community College: Faculty Offices - | Eligible |
| Highline Community College: Voc & Tech Bldg - | Eligible |

Note that we are still standing by our 2012 assessment that the King County District 75 Water Tanks are an eligible resource. This differs from the advice of Sound Transits consultant.

I have also determined that that the three resources at the Park of the Pines Camp are Not Eligible for listing on the National Register due to their low level of integrity.

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| Park of the Pines: Auditorium - | Not Eligible |
| Park of the Pines Residence A - | Not Eligible |
| Park of the Pines Residence B - | Not Eligible |

I am a little unclear why these 10 properties were chosen for review, but keep in mind that there are adjacent historic resources to these properties which meet the 50 threshold for required survey. We look forward to seeing those in the next round of reviews.

I look forward to further consultation regarding your determination of effect to these eligible resources as plans for your project develop.



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. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Houser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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March 19, 2014

Cecile A Hansen, Tribal Chair
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Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Area of Potential Effect & Archaeological Survey Plan

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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Log No. 102912-18-FTA
Archaeological Survey Plan**

Dear Mr. Sterner:

Enclosed for your review is an archaeological survey plan for the Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE). The plan describes the proposed approach for archaeological investigations for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and final EIS phases of the project. The plan has also been provided to tribes with a potential interest in the project area for review.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Feldman
Deputy Regional Administrator

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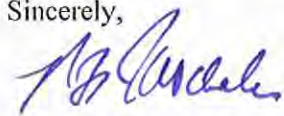
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Sincerely,



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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Area of Potential Effect & Archaeological Survey Plan**

The Honorable Virginia Cross:

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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Area of Potential Effect & Archaeological Survey Plan**

The Honorable Carolyn Lubenau:

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April 16, 2014

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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 102912-18-FTA

Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension

Re: Receipt of Archaeological Fieldwork Research Design

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing a copy of the archaeological research design completed by CH2M Hill. The document has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

The research design looks fine. My only comment is to suggest that a curation agreement be negotiated with a federally recognized facility to accept any collections that might be identified during the field investigation. Once this is acquired, I would suggest including this information in the research before finalization.

Please note that DAHP requires that all historic property inventory and archaeological site forms be provided to our office electronically. If you have not registered for a copy of the database, please log onto our website at www.dahp.wa.gov and go to the Survey/Inventory page for more information and a registration form. To assist you in conducting a survey, DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our website.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

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**Re: Sound Transit: Federal Way Link Extension
Log No. 102912-18-FTA
Highline Water District Property Eligibility Determination**

Dear Mr. Houser:

Thank you for reviewing the Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms that FTA submitted for the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) project on February 20, 2014. An HPI form for the water tanks owned by the Highline Water District (King County District 75 Water Tanks) was included in the February submission. FTA determined that the Highline Water District property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); as you know, however, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) disagreed with this finding on March 14, 2014.

In response to your invitation at a subsequent meeting, FTA submits the following additional information and discussion supporting our conclusion that the water tanks are not eligible.

Background

The Highline Water District property has four individual structures: two elevated water towers, and two ground-level tanks. The FWLE I-5 Alternative would necessarily remove the largest ground-level water tank. The tank would likely be replaced elsewhere on the same property to provide an up-to-date and functionally equivalent water storage structure. The other three structures would not be physically impacted by the I-5 Alternative.

Previous Documentation

DAHP's database includes HPI forms for the two elevated water towers from December 2012, under a survey entitled "Mansion Hill SE73XC001 cellular." These forms (attached for your

convenience) were prepared by a cellular telephone company for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC documentation states that “the water tower[s] retains sufficient integrity to be potentially eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C.” However, the HPI addresses only the structures’ integrity and does not describe how or even which part of Criterion C the elevated water towers meet. The HPI form does not explain the structures’ significance and provides no historic context in which to consider any potential significance. DAHP concurred with the determination of potential eligibility in January 2013.

Criterion C Requirements and Guidance

You are deeply knowledgeable about the regulatory requirements surrounding Criterion C, but the brief summary below provides helpful context for the water tower discussion.

Criterion C states that the quality of significance in American history is present in structures that possess integrity and that “embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.” 36 CFR 60.4(c).

The National Park Service’s Bulletin 15 provides guidance on how to apply the criteria for NRHP eligibility evaluations. Bulletin 15 makes clear that eligible properties (under any criteria) must be significant and must be evaluated within their historic context: “To qualify for the National Register, a property must be significant; that is, it must represent a significant part of the history, architecture, archeology, engineering, or culture of an area....The significance of a historic property can be judged and explained only when it is evaluated within its historic context” (pg. 7). With respect to Criterion C specifically (discussed at pp. 17-20), it states:

- “This criterion applies to properties *significant for their physical design or construction...*” [emphasis added].
- “A structure is eligible as a specimen of its type or period of construction if it is *an important example (within its context)* of building practices of a particular time in history” [emphasis added].
- “[T]he first requirement, that properties ‘embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction,’ refers to the way in which a property was conceived, designed, or fabricated by a people or culture in past periods of history. ... To be eligible under this portion of the Criterion, a property must clearly illustrate, through ‘distinctive characteristics,’ the following:
 - The pattern of features common to a particular class of resources,
 - The individuality or variation of features that occurs within the class,
 - The evolution of that class, or
 - The transition between classes of resources.”

- “A property is not eligible, however, simply because it has been identified as the only such property ever fabricated; *it must be demonstrated to be significant as well*” [emphasis added].

FWLE Evaluation

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(c)(1), which allows an agency official to reevaluate properties previously determined eligible for the NRHP due to “incomplete prior evaluations,” FTA submitted an HPI form addressing all four structures on the Highline Water District property. The FWLE HPI form recognized that the tanks retain integrity but also addressed Criterion C’s other requirements for finding eligibility, concluding:

The property is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as it contains typical elevated water towers and ground level tanks that lack any distinguishing features and do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; they are not the work of a master and do not possess high artistic value. Many water storage structures in the United States have been recognized for their architectural significance and unique designs, but these four structures are unremarkable and thousands of similar ones exist throughout the country. In addition, the Highline Water District itself has nine similar water storage structures, so these four are not unique to the area. . .

In other words, the water tank lacks significance not only because there are thousands of similar structures, but because “it lacks any distinguishing features” and “does not embody the distinctive features of a type, period, or method of construction.”

- It is not clear what “pattern of features” is particular to this class of resources, and the 2012 HPI form did not identify any. Brief research conducted by Sound Transit’s historic preservation professionals found no discernible pattern. The Highline water tanks are devoid of stylistic architectural features or unique engineering qualities, so the patterns normally discussed under this criteria do not apply.
- The 2012 HPI form also failed to identify any distinctive characteristics that water tanks might possess which could convey the design or fabrication of earlier people. Some water towers are elevated, some are not; most are oval or round in shape with a top that is curved to shed water; they are constructed primarily of metal, but sometimes wood; some sit on multiple pilings while some have only a single pylon. In summary, they are typical, unremarkable examples of simple, utilitarian structures. There is also no distinct individuality or variation of features within the class, and the property in question does not demonstrate any evolution or transition.
- The 2012 HPI form gave no historic context for evaluating significance. Context is critical for determining whether the water tower is an important example (as opposed to just a typical example). As described above, an eligibility finding requires that a building be an important (not just typical) example within its context. The FWLE HPI form includes context for both the development of the community and the history of the

Highline Water District and, as noted, finds the structures are not significant elements within that context.

Conclusion

While the water tank retains integrity and may be representative of its period, FTA finds that the available information (including the 2012 HPI form) does not allow us to conclude that it is significant in terms of NRHP criteria. FTA therefore invites DAHP to reconsider its determination that the Highline Water District property is eligible for the NRHP. If DAHP continues to find the property significant, we would like to request a meeting to discuss next steps.

Please contact Steve Saxton (FTA) at 206-220-4311 or james.saxton@dot.gov or Kent Hale (Sound Transit) at 206-398-5103 or Kent.Hale@soundtransit.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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July 3, 2014

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 102912-18-FTA
Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension
Re: Highline Water District – Water Tanks

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting our office. I have carefully reviewed the additional materials you provided to our office for the various water tanks associated with the Highline Water District. Thank you for sending those. This resource includes four individual objects: two elevated water towers and two ground level water towers. The collection of object was recorded on one HPIF.

After consulting with other colleagues in the office and other SHPO's across the county, I stand by my initial assessment that the towers are ELIGIBLE for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The towers are significant under criteria C as resources that *"embody the distinguishing characteristics of their type and period of construction"*. The collection of towers were built by the Horton Tank Co., a subsidiary of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company; proprietors, engineers and erectors of water towers, standpipes, oil tanks, gas holders, and smoke stacks. This company is an international business who's products have a have a deep and long-lasting impact on the development of countless communities across the US. Additionally their projects have added in the growth of thousands of business and military bases across the globe. The collection of tanks in Highline, represents a collection of several types and models of tanks, thus demonstrating in one location, characteristics of water tanks over a period of time.

Additionally, the water tanks are eligible under criteria A for their direct contribution to the broad patterns of growth and development of the Highline community. Without such tanks, the community would not have been able to establish itself, nor growth beyond the initial aspirations of the communities founders.

Keep in mind that this determination does not stop the plans of the Sound Transit Light Rail system. Under Section 106, the review is a process which requires consultation and mitigation when eligible resources are effected with the simple idea of being good stewards of cultural resources.

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

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Re: Highline Water District Clarification

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The Federal Way Link Transit Extension has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

In our continuing discussion regarding the water features associated with the Highline Water District (one elevated tower constructed in 1950, one elevated tower constructed in 1962, one ground-level tank constructed in 1959, and one ground-level tank constructed in 1968), DAHP has reconsidered its National Register of Historic Places eligibility evaluation of this group of features. While the two elevated towers and the 1959 ground-level tank may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the analysis of the water system in terms of the development of Highline is completely lacking. In the absence of a developed context describing the relationship of the water retention features to the Highline community, we should not consider the features as a cohesive group.

Additionally, Criterion C needs to be expanded to discuss the water towers and tanks as examples of a type. cursory research into the history of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., and their subsidiary the Horton Tank Company, indicates that the company built over 25,000 of these things so a property type could be established. It may have already been established as part of other context statements or nominations but neither the HPI nor anyone's letters detailed this information. Thus, we cannot find these individually eligible but they may be contributing features of either the water system district, or a larger residential district that may have not been surveyed. In any case, the information has not been presented to make a definitive decision.

In any case, we cannot find any justification to determine the 1968 ground-level water tank eligible for listing in the NRHP. It does not meet the 50-year timeline, would not be individually eligible, and does not meet the criteria of exceptional significance. A possible solution to the issue may require a re-evaluation of the area of potential effects (APE) for this alternative, narrowing the APE to include only structures that will be physically impacted or removed as a



result of the project. If the remaining three water features will be avoided by physical impacts resulting from the undertaking, their NRHP eligibility evaluation can be revisited in the future.

We look forward to continuing consultation on this issue. If you have any questions or require clarification of any kind, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,

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RE: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension (Log # 102912-18-FTA)
Historic Property Inventory Forms – Batch 2
Request for Concurrence with Eligibility Determination

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit are preparing environmental documentation for the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE), which would extend light rail from SeaTac to Federal Way in King County, Washington. FTA initiated Section 106 consultation on the project in June 2013 and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) concurred with the area of potential effect (APE) in December 2013. FTA and Sound Transit are now developing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project.

FTA submitted a group of ten HPI forms for DAHP for review in February 2014 (Batch 1). This letter documents FTA's determination of ineligibility for the remaining properties within the APE documented on 384 historic property inventory forms. A table which lists the properties evaluated in this group is enclosed. Highlighted properties in the table were submitted in February as Batch 1. Maps showing all of the inventoried parcels are also enclosed. The HPI forms have been recorded in DAHP's electronic database. Please let us know if you would like hardcopies of them.

FTA and Sound Transit request DAHP's concurrence with a determination that the properties shown on the enclosed list do not meet the NRHP eligibility criteria.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Steve Saxton at FTA (206-220-4311 james.saxton@dot.gov) or Kent Hale at Sound Transit (206-398-5103; kent.hale@soundtransit.org).

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Enclosure: Table of Properties Inventoried
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Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
DAHP Log: 102912-18-FTA Preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological Technical Report

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In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and as a part of our continuing consultation, FTA is submitting the preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report for the Draft EIS for your review and comment. An executive summary of the preliminary Draft EIS, also included, describes the project background and alternatives evaluated. Finally, a CD with the entire Draft EIS is included with the Executive Summary.

Your comments on the preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report are requested by September 29, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Saxton, FTA Region 10, at 206-220-4465 or james.saxton@dot.gov or Kent Hale, Sound Transit, at (206) 398-5103 or at kent.hale@soundtransit.org.

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R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

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Virginia Cross
Tribal Chair
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
39015 172nd Ave SE
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological and Ecosystems Technical Reports**

The Honorable Virginia Cross:

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Karen Walter, Natural Resources, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Matthew Sterner, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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Bill Sterud
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3009 Portland Ave
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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The Honorable Bill Sterud:

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Carolyn Lubenau
Tribal Chair
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
PO Box 969
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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The Honorable Carolyn Lubenau:

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Shawn Yanity
Tribal Chair
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
PO Box 277
Arlington, WA 98223

**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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The Honorable Shawn Yanity:

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Leonard Forsman
Tribal Chair
Suquamish Tribe
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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The Honorable Leonard Forsman:

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Toppenish, WA 98948

**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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August 29, 2014

Cecile A. Hansen, Tribal Chair
Duwamish Tribe
4705 W Marginal Way SW
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Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological Resources and Ecosystems
Technical Reports

Dear Chair Evans:

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Environmental Planner

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Michael Evans, Tribal Chair
Snohomish Tribe
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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

September 25, 2014

Mr. Steve Saxton
Federal Transit Administration
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Seattle, WA 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 102912-18-FTA

Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension

Re: Receipt of Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing us with a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The document has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

I have no comments at this time. Since the cultural resources review for the project is ongoing, we fully expect to continue forward with our close participation regarding Section 106 issues.

Thank you for sending us a copy of the preliminary DEIS and the opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2014

Mr. Richard F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
915 Second Avenue
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Seattle, Washington 98174-1002

Attn: Steve Saxton

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 102912-18-FTA

Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension

Re: Historic Property Inventory Forms – Batch 2

Dear Mr. Krochalis:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The above referenced property has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

The table attached to your correspondence contains determinations of eligibility on (384) properties that have not previously been evaluated. However, (8) additional properties were submitted to HPI that are not accounted for in the table. These (8) properties have been evaluated, as well. Of the (392) new HPI forms submitted, we concur that (386) are ineligible for inclusion on the National Register under Criterion C. However, we cannot concur with your determination that the following (6) properties are ineligible for the National Register without further evaluation:

- 1436 S 312th St, Federal Way (US Bank)
- 23226 30th Ave S, Des Moines (King's Arms Motel)
- 23418 Pacific Hwy S, Kent (Dollar Tree)
- 23616 Pacific Hwy S, Kent (Midway Moto Sports Auto Sales)
- 28631 Pacific Hwy S, Federal Way (J n B Furniture)
- 23454 30th Ave S, Kent (Life Saver) – not included on table

Please submit a more in-depth evaluation of the architectural significance of each of the abovementioned properties under Criterion C. The only evaluation of architectural significance for each of these properties submitted to HPI is a boilerplate statements that read: *"The property is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as it contains typical mid-twentieth century commercial retail buildings and does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; it is not the work of a master and does not possess high artistic*

value." This overly generic statement is not a fair evaluation of these properties, and should be expanded upon.

Though typical to the mid-twentieth century, architectural features on the abovementioned properties appear to be distinctive characteristics that are contrary to your evaluation. To say that a property is not eligible under Criterion C *because* it contains typical features of a particular era is antithetical to the notion that a historic property should convey its architectural significance through features that characterize a particular era, type of building, or style. We recommend additional research and consultation with subject matter experts such as the Society for Commercial Archaeology in order to adequately evaluate these properties' architectural significance within the context of mid-century modern architecture. You might also consider consulting with or using research tools developed by CalTrans on appropriate evaluation of mid-century modern resources.

We look forward to evaluating the individual resources located at the Highline Water District, and to receiving the additional requested information regarding the (6) properties above in order to complete our evaluation. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas Vann, AIA
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Hale, Kent

From: james.saxton@dot.gov
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 2:25 PM
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Cc: daniel.drais@dot.gov; Hale, Kent; Green, Erin; fta.tro10mail@dot.gov
Subject: O - Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension, Log No. 102912-18-FTA, Addiitonal Information
Attachments: FWLE Combined Revised HPI Forms 10-27-14.pdf

Matthew,

FTA submitted HPI forms to DAHP on February 20th and August 28th, 2014 for the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE). In the August 18, 2014 letter, DAHP noted that additional information is needed on the King County District 75 water tanks and that the four tanks should be evaluated separately. DAHP also requested additional information in the October 2, 2014 letter on the following six properties:

- 436 S 312th St, Federal Way (US Bank)
- 23226 30th Ave S, Des Moines (King's Arms Motel)
- 23418 Pacific Hwy S, Kent (Dollar Tree)
- 23616 Pacific Hwy S, Kent (Midway Moto Sports Auto Sales)
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To address DAHP's request, revised HPI forms have been prepared. Four new forms for each of the water tanks have been submitted in WISAARD. Updated HPI forms for the six other properties have also been submitted in WISAARD and are linked to the forms previously submitted in August.

Based on the information included in the HPI forms, none of the properties meet the National Register criteria. Therefore, FTA requests your concurrence with the finding that all ten properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact Steve Saxton (FTA) at 206-220-4311 or james.saxton@dot.gov or Kent Hale (Sound Transit) at 206-398-5103 or Kent.Hale@soundtransit.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Steve Saxton
FTA, Region 10
206-220-4311

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

December 24, 2014

Mr. Richard F. Krochalis
Federal Transit Administration
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Seattle, Washington 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 102912-18-FTA

Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension

Re: Re-Evaluation of Cultural Resources Report, Determined Eligible

Dear Mr. Krochalis:

As a result of comments made during a recent meeting between the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Sound Transit, I am drafting this letter to clarify DAHP's progress in the Section 106 review of the Federal Way Link Transit Extension project. Based upon ongoing discussions and evaluations following the submittal of the Historic and Archaeological Technical Report to DAHP in August of this year, to date, DAHP believes the following historic properties that fall within the area of potential effect (APE) for the project are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- the US Bank Building located at 1436 S 312th St., Federal Way,
- five structures associated with the Highline Community College, 2400 S 240th St, Des Moines, and
- the Calvary Lutheran Church located at 2415 S 320th St., Federal Way.

DAHP feels that the four water storage tanks located at 21420 31st Ave S, SeaTac, part of the Highline Water District, are not eligible for listing in the NRHP. Finally, we also concur with your determination that the remaining 398 historic properties submitted to our office for review are not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Regarding the Phase I archaeological investigation that was undertaken for the technical report, I have no concerns with the work that has been performed to date and presented in the report. That said, I fully expect that FTA and Sound Transit realize that more intensive archaeological investigation will be required following the selection of the preferred alternative for the project. The Phase I investigation that was performed provides an excellent broad stroke of expectations regarding the archaeological environment but falls far short of properly evaluating the potential to impact intact archaeological resources within the proposed corridor. Once a preferred alternative is selected, a more robust evaluation of potential effects will be expected.

As always, DAHP appreciates 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 feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Kent Hale, Sound Transit





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Enclosed for your review and comment is the Federal Way Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The document is also available on Sound Transit's website at www.soundtransit.org/FWExtension. The comment period ends May 26, 2015.

Comments may be sent by email to FWLE@soundtransit.org or by mail to:

Attention: Federal Way Link Extension Draft EIS Comments
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April 1, 2015

The Honorable Virginia Cross
Tribal Chair
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Chairperson Cross:

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The Honorable Bill Sterud
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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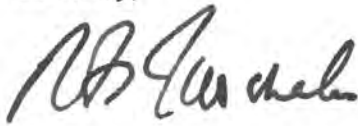
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**Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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Cecile A. Hansen, Tribal Chair
Duwamish Tribe
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Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chair Hansen:

Sound Transit initiated consultation with the Duwamish Tribe in June 2013 for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Federal Way Link Extension project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Since then, Sound Transit has invited your review on the project's technical methodology, area of potential effects (APE), Preliminary Draft Historic and Archaeological Technical Report, and Preliminary Draft Ecosystems Technical Report.

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Re: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension
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Dear Chair Evans:

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 4, 2015

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Seattle, WA 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 102912-18-FTA

Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension

Re: Receipt of Draft EIS Historic and Archaeological Technical Report

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing a copy of the Historic and Archaeological Technical report that will serve as a component of the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The report has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

I have no issues with the document at this time. I look forward to receiving the Archaeological resources monitoring and treatment plan as well as the inadvertent discovery plans prior to the onset of construction.

Please note that DAHP requires that all historic property inventory and archaeological site forms be provided to our office electronically. If you have not registered for a copy of the database, please log onto our website at www.dahp.wa.gov and go to the Survey/Inventory page for more information and a registration form. To assist you in conducting a survey, DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our website. Also, please note that DAHP requires that all cultural resource reports be submitted in PDF format on a labeled CD along or electronically. For further information please go to http://www.dahp.wa.gov/documents/CR_ReportPDF_Requirement.pdf.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,

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RE: Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension (**Log: 102912-18-FTA**)
Proposed Determinations of Noneligibility
Finding of No Historic Properties Affected and Request for Concurrence

Dear Dr. Brooks:

As you know, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead federal agency for Sound Transit's Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE). Consistent with our duties under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we have enclosed for your review the project's draft Historic and Archaeological Technical Report for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and two additional historic property inventory (HPI) forms. The updated technical report addresses design refinements to the Preferred Alternative since the Draft EIS was published and results of additional archaeological survey work Sound Transit has performed.

Background

FTA initiated Section 106 consultation in June 2013. Since then, FTA and Sound Transit have consulted with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) at various stages, inviting DAHP's review of the project technical analysis methodology, proposed area of potential effect (APE), archaeological survey plan, preliminary Draft EIS Historic and Archaeological Technical Report, and Draft EIS. In addition, your office reviewed historic property inventory forms the team uploaded to DAHP's online database, WISAARD.

After FTA and Sound Transit published the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board identified the I-5 Alternative with the Kent/Des Moines SR 99 East Station Option as the Preferred Alternative.

Aboveground Historic Properties

Slight alignment modifications to the Preferred Alternative resulted in two properties within the APE that were not previously evaluated for eligibility: 2947 S 252nd Street, Kent, WA (#1710) and 2819 S 299th Place, Federal Way, WA (#4945). HPI forms for these properties are enclosed

and have been submitted in WISAARD for your review. **FTA finds that both properties are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).**

Based on the technical analysis and consultation with your office, and consistent with the Draft EIS, FTA has determined that 11 properties within the project APE (including all the Draft EIS alternatives) are eligible for the NRHP. Except for the two properties noted above, DAHP concurred with this finding on March 14, October 2, and December 24, 2014. None of the 11 eligible properties are within the Preferred Alternative APE.

Archaeological Resources

As shown in Appendix A, Figure 2 of the technical report, the APE consists primarily of areas with low or moderate probability for archaeological resources. There are two small high probability areas at the northern end of the I-5 corridor (Preferred Alternative) and four high probability areas in the SR 99 corridor. Sound Transit engaged a qualified archaeologist to perform the archaeological survey, which consisted of two phases:

Phase 1: Background research, review of statewide predictive model, review of available geological information, a reconnaissance level of survey of publicly owned parcels, and visual inspection of areas of interest identified during the reconnaissance survey.

Phase 2: Detailed investigation for the Preferred Alternative including subsurface testing (47 shovel probes) on 21 parcels. An archaeologist also monitored four geotechnical borings in moderate probability areas. Figure 3 in Appendix A shows investigated areas and shovel probe locations.

The research and field investigations, which are described in the technical report, did not identify any archaeological resources.

There could be unknown resources, although that is not likely. Therefore, Sound Transit would develop and implement an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) to minimize the risk of damage to currently unknown archaeological resources. The IDP would include procedures that FTA and Sound Transit would follow if human remains were discovered during construction. FTA and Sound Transit would coordinate with the SHPO and tribes to review the plan. Archaeologists would conduct training for contractors to help them identify potential cultural resources during construction, including protocols if something is discovered.

Request for Concurrence

FTA requests your concurrence with the finding that **the two additional properties in the APE are not eligible for listing in the NRHP.**

Based on the analysis in the revised Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report and on public and agency comments on the Draft EIS, **FTA finds that the Preferred Alternative would result in No Historic Properties Affected under Section 106 of the NHPA.** We also request your concurrence with this finding.

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Please contact Dan Drais (206-220-4465 or Daniel.drais@dot.gov) or Erin Green (206-398-5464 or erin.green@soundtransit.org) if you have any questions.

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Kenneth A. Feldman
Deputy Regional Administrator

Enclosures: Draft Historic and Archaeological Technical Report for
 the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
 Two Historic Property Inventory Forms

cc (by email): Matthew Sterner, DAHP
 Erin Green, Sound Transit

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Ms. Murphy:

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Best Regards,
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May 9, 2016

Mr. Dan Drais
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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 102912-18-FTA
Property: Federal Way Link Transit Extension
Re: Not Eligible, No Adverse Effect

Dear Mr. Drais:

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As a result of our concurrence, further contact with DAHP on this undertaking is not necessary. However, if new information about affected resources becomes available and/or the project scope of work changes significantly, please contact DAHP at once. Also, if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please immediately halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

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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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Thanks Erin,

We have no comments at this time.

Best, KL

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