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APE = area of potential effects

FTA = Federal Transit Administration

N.H.P.A. = National Historic Preservation Act

N.R.H.P = National Register of Historic Places

SEPA = State Environmental Policy Act



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The Honorable Virginia Cross Chairwoman Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 39015 172nd Avenue Southeast Auburn, WA 98092

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Cross:

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The Honorable Sunny Clear Snoqualmie Indian Tribe P.O. Box 969 Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Clear:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is sending this letter to initiate government-togovernment consultation with the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe on the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions in King County, Washington described below. FTA is anticipated to be the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sound Transit is the lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and is conducting the local planning process. Sound Transit is beginning the alternatives development phase to identify alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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The Honorable Shawn Yanity Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington P.O. Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223-0277

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairman Yanity:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is sending this letter to initiate government-togovernment consultation with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington on the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions in King County, Washington described below. FTA is anticipated to be the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sound Transit is the lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and is conducting the local planning process. Sound Transit is beginning the alternatives development phase to identify alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation P.O. Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairman Forsman:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is sending this letter to initiate government-togovernment consultation with the Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation on the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions in King County, Washington described below. FTA is anticipated to be the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sound Transit is the lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and is conducting the local planning process. Sound Transit is beginning the alternatives development phase to identify alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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The Honorable Marie Zackuse Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes of Washington 6406 Marine Drive Northwest Tulalip, WA 98271

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Zackuse:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is sending this letter to initiate government-togovernment consultation with the Tulalip Tribes of Washington on the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions in King County, Washington described below. FTA is anticipated to be the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sound Transit is the lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and is conducting the local planning process. Sound Transit is beginning the alternatives development phase to identify alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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The Honorable JoDe Goudy Chairman Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Initiation of Consultation

Dear Chairman Goudy:

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Sound Transit will be contacting you to invite your participation throughout this process. From February 2nd to March 5th, Sound Transit is conducting a SEPA early scoping process. This process will include public and agency meetings to which your tribe will be invited to participate. FTA and Sound Transit may also hold a NEPA early scoping process later in 2018. We anticipate that about one year from now, in early 2019, the NEPA process will formally begin with a Notice of Intent issued in the Federal Register. At that time, we would request that the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation consult with us under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

FTA would also like to extend an offer to meet with your tribe at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 206-220-7957 or <u>linda.gehrke@dot.gov</u> if you have any concerns. You may also contact Mark Assam, of my staff, at 206-220-4465 or <u>mark.assam@dot.gov</u>. Lauren Swift with Sound Transit will be reaching out to you to discuss the project. Lauren can be contacted at 206-398-5301 or <u>lauren.swift@soundtransit.org</u>. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Representative Alignment Map



February 6, 2018

The Honorable Cecile Hansen Tribal Chair Duwamish Tribe 4705 Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA 98106

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Early Scoping

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Sound Transit is sending this early scoping notice to inform the Duwamish Tribe that it will be exploring alternatives for extending Link light rail from downtown Seattle to West Seattle and Ballard in King County, Washington (the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions). Early scoping is being conducted under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules regarding expanded scoping (WAC 197-11-410). Sound Transit is the lead agency under SEPA.

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Sent:	Thursday, February 08, 2018 2:09 PM
То:	Swift, Lauren; Hale, Kent
Cc:	Changchien, Amy (FTA); Horwitz, Jennifer
Subject:	FW: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions - Initiation of Government-to-
	Government Consultation

FYI...

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Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA) <Mark.Assam@dot.gov>
Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions - Initiation of Government-to-Government Consultation

Hello Mark

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribes Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation have cultural resource concerns and request that a cultural resource survey be completed in ground disturbing areas of potential effect. Thank you for your time. Adam

Adam Osbekoff Cultural Resource Compliance Manager adam@snoqualmietribe.us 425-753-0388 9416 384th Ave SE PO Box 969 Snoqualmie WA 98065

Swift, Lauren

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Sent:	Monday, February 12, 2018 8:47 AM
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Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions - Initiation of Government-to-Government Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Zackuse:

Please see the attached Government-to-Government Consultation Initiation letter. A hardcopy is also being delivered via U.S. Mail.

Thanks,

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Dear Chairman Goudy:

As noted in the Federal Transit Administration's February 5th letter requesting initiation of Government to Government consultation, I am following up to provide the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Early Scoping Information report, which includes additional project information. Sound Transit would like to invite you and staff to attend the Agency and Tribal Early Scoping meeting and provide comments as described below. Sound Transit looks forward to consulting with the Tribe and FTA as the project moves forward.

February 21, 2018, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, Sante Fe Room, Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle.

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- 9. Enter attendee access code: 863 214 94 #
- 10. To indicate that you are not the host, press #
- 11. When asked for your Attendee ID number, enter the Attendee ID provided online or press #

COMMENTS

Written scoping comments are requested by March 5, 2018 and can be mailed or emailed to the address below, submitted at the public meetings, or provided via the online comment form.

Mailing Address:	WSB Link Extension
	(c/o Lauren Swift, Senior Environmental Planner)
	Sound Transit
	401 S Jackson Street
	Seattle, WA 98104-2826

Email Address: <u>WSBLink@soundtransit.org</u>

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February 14, 2019

The Honorable Cecile A. Hansen Chairwoman Duwamish Tribe 4705 West Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA 98106

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Scoping

Dear Chairwoman Hansen:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Peter M. Rogoff We have preliminarily identified the Duwamish Tribe as potentially interested in the WSBLE Project and invite you to become actively involved as a participating agency in the environmental review process.

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In addition, pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties, implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Sound Transit in coordination with FTA will consult with you under Section 106. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties through consultation with parties having an interest in the effects of an action on historic properties in the early stages of project planning.

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Sincerely,

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Lauren Swift Central Corridor Environmental Manager

cc: Mark Assam, FTA

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agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project

agency has no expertise or information relevant to the project

agency does not intend to submit comments on the project*

____ (Sign – Authorized Representative)

_____ (Print)

_____(Title)

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Please return by March 18, 2019 to:

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February 14, 2019

The Honorable Michael didahalqid Evans Chairman Snohomish Tribe PO Box 267 Edmonds, WA 98020

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Scoping

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Thank you, Erin

Erin Green

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Thank you, Erin

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Thank you, Erin

Erin Green

Environmental Planner Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Sound Transit (206) 398-5464

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From:	Green, Erin	
To:	<u>"prigdon@yakama.com";</u> "johnson@yakama.com"	
Cc:	Assam, Mark (FTA)	
Subject:	West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension - Scoping and SEPA Determination of Significance	
Date:	Friday, February 15, 2019 4:29:00 PM	
Attachments:	image001.png	
	WSBLE SEPA DS 20190215.pdf	

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Virginia Cross Chairwoman Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 39015 172nd Avenue Southeast Auburn, WA 98092

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Cross:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (WSBLE) 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). FTA will be the lead agency under NEPA, and Sound Transit will be the lead agency under SEPA. Sound Transit intends to apply for federal funds administered by FTA for the Project, making it an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800]. FTA previously initiated government-to-government consultation on the WSBLE Project with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in a letter dated February 2, 2018.

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- Identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the Project's potential impacts.
- Provide meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participate in the EIS scoping process.
- Concur with the schedule in the Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan.

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Alternatives Development and Scoping

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Sincerely,

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Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

cc: Karen Walter, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Glen St. Amant, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Laura Murphy, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Dennis Wardlaw, DAHP Erin Green, Sound Transit

Enclosures: Participating Agency Designation Form

WEST SEATTLE AND BALLARD LINK EXTENSIONS PROJECT PARTICIPATING AGENCY DESIGNATION

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Robert de los Angeles Chairman Snoqualmie Indian Tribe P O Box 969 Snoqualmie, WA 98065

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Dear Chairman de los Angeles:

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Shawn Yanity Chairman Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington PO Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223-0277

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Dear Chairman Yanity:

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation PO Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

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Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

cc: Alison O'Sullivan, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Rich Brooks, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Dennis Lewarch, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Dennis Wardlaw, DAHP Erin Green, Sound Transit

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Marie Zackuse Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes of Washington 6406 Marine Drive Northwest Tulalip, WA 98271

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Dear Chairwoman Zackuse:

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cc: Kurt Nelson, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Richard Young, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Dennis Wardlaw, DAHP Erin Green, Sound Transit

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February 25, 2019

The Honorable JoDe Goudy Chairman Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation PO BOX 151 Toppenish, WA 98948

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

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February 25, 2019

Allyson Brooks, Ph.D. State Historic Preservation Officer Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation P.O. Box 48343 Olympia, WA 98504-8343

RE: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process, & Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Dear Dr. Brooks:

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Agency does not intend to submit comments on the Project

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Hi Mark,

Good afternoon. Attached is our signed participating agency designation sheet for the West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension Project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards, Dennis

Dennis Wardlaw, M.A. Transportation Archaeologist Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1110 Capitol Way South, Suite 30 Olympia, WA 98501 Voice: 360-586-3085 Cell: 360-485-5014

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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Jaison Elkins Chairman Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 39015 172nd Avenue Southeast Auburn, WA 98092

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Agency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Chairman Elkins:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit initiated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (WSBLE) Project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in February 2019. FTA invited the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to participate in the environmental review process as a participating agency. Since FTA did not receive a response, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe will be included as a participating agency.

In accordance with 23 United States Code (USC) Section 139(g)(1), FTA and Sound Transit have prepared the enclosed Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan. The objective of the Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan is to identify key coordination points to solicit continued feedback on the WSBLE Project during the environmental review process. The Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan includes a schedule in Section 5.4, Agency and Tribal Coordination Milestone Schedule. Pursuant to 23 USC Section 139(g)(1)(B), FTA and Sound Transit request your concurrence with the proposed schedule within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If FTA does not receive a response from your agency within the above timeframe, we will assume that you concur with the schedule.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any details of the Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan or schedule, please contact Mark Assam at FTA (206-220-4465;

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> cc: Karen Walter, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Glen St. Amant, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Laura Murphy, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Lauren Swift, Sound Transit

Enclosure: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan, May 2019



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The Honorable Robert de los Angeles Chairman Snoqualmie Indian Tribe P O Box 969 Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Subject:Sound TransitWest Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions ProjectAgency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Chairman de los Angeles:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit initiated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (WSBLE) Project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in February 2019. FTA invited the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe to participate in the environmental review process as a participating agency. Since FTA did not receive a response, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe will be included as a participating agency.

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<u>mark.assam@dot.gov</u>) or Lauren Swift at Sound Transit (206-398-5301; <u>lauren.swift@soundtransit.org</u>). We look forward to working with you on the WSBLE Project.

Sincerely,

for Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

- cc: Cindy Spiry, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Steven Mullen-Moses, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Lauren Swift, Sound Transit
- Enclosure: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan, May 2019



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The Honorable Shawn Yanity Chairman Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington PO Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223-0277

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Agency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Chairman Yanity:

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for Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

- cc: Kerry Lyste, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington Lauren Swift, Sound Transit
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The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation PO Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Agency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Chairman Forsman:

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for Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

- cc: Alison O'Sullivan, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Rich Brooks, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Dennis Lewarch, Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation Lauren Swift, Sound Transit
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The Honorable Marie Zackuse Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes of Washington 6406 Marine Drive Northwest Tulalip, WA 98271

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Agency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

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- cc: Kurt Nelson, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Richard Young, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Lauren Swift, Sound Transit
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May 10, 2019

The Honorable JoDe Goudy Chairman Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation PO BOX 151 Toppenish, WA 98948

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Agency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Chairman Goudy:

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- cc: Philip Rigdon, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation Johnson Meninick, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation Lauren Swift, Sound Transit
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May 10, 2019

Allyson Brooks State Historic Preservation Officer Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation PO Box 48343 Olympia, WA 98504-8343

Subject:Sound TransitWest Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions ProjectAgency Coordination Plan and Request for Concurrence with Project Schedule

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit initiated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (WSBLE) Project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in February 2019. FTA invited the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to participate in the environmental review process as a participating agency. Thank you for your response accepting this invitation.

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for Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

- cc: Lauren Swift, Sound Transit Dennis Wardlaw, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Enclosure: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan, May 2019

From:	<u>Green, Erin</u>
To:	Cecile@duwamishtribe.org
Cc:	Swift, Lauren; Assam, Mark (FTA); Costanza, Ann
Subject:	West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Agency Coordination Plan
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 4:23:00 PM
Attachments:	WSBLE Agency Coordination Plan 20190510.pdf
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Chairwoman Hansen:

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Thank you, Erin

Erin Green

Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Sound Transit (206) 398-5464

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From:	<u>Green, Erin</u>
To:	info@snohomishtribe.com
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Chairman Evans:

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



May 21, 2019

Ms. Linda Gehrke Deputy Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 915 Second Avenue Suite 3142 Seattle, WA. 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to: Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457 Property: King County_ West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension Re: Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan Review Comments

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing the Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan for the above referenced project. I have reviewed the plan and concur with the schedule provided in Section 5.4.

We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36 CFR 800.4(a)(4).

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 36 CFR 800.

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

Sincerely,

Dennis Wardlaw Transportation Archaeologist (360) 586-3085 dennis.wardlaw@dahp.wa.gov





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July 23, 2019

The Honorable Jaison Elkins Chairman Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 39015 - 172nd Avenue Southeast Auburn, WA 98092

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Eligibility and Effects Determination

Dear Chairman Elkins:

On February 25, 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) initiated Section 106 consultation with your tribe for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project as proposed by Sound Transit. In May 2019, the Sound Transit Board, in coordination with FTA, identified alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This fall, the Sound Transit Board and FTA plan to identify if other alternatives suggested during the scoping process will be studied in the EIS. To support the forthcoming EIS, FTA and Sound Transit now propose the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Project (Project). The Project is comprised of a series of geotechnical borings which will support the ongoing design and environmental analysis of the overall West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, but is being treated as a separate federal undertaking subject to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800. This letter initiates Section 106 consultation, and requests your comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE), and Eligibility and Effects Determinations for the Project.

To support the evaluation of the Project, Sound Transit's consultant Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs) has prepared *West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Cultural Resources Assessment and Inadvertent Discovery Plan*, dated July 2019 (Cultural Resources Report). A copy of the Cultural Resources Report is enclosed with this letter for your review.

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The Project proposes up to 482 geotechnical borings located along the light rail extension alternatives to be studied in the EIS. Most of the borings will be approximately four to eight inches in diameter, and vary in depth from approximately 100 to 350 feet. Drilling methods will include hollow-stem auger, mud-rotary, and sonic. Drilling will be completed using either a truck- or track-mounted drill rig. The general work area for each boring will be approximately 60 feet long and 10 to 12 feet wide, to accommodate the drill rig and associated work space. There will also be trial pump tests at two boring locations (one on 5th Avenue and one on 6th Avenue, to either side of Pine Street). The pump tests will involve drilling in an air rotary hole larger than the geotechnical borings at approximately 12 inches for the pumping well, and four monitoring wells around each of the well holes. Borings will be backfilled with bentonite, and the drilling contractor will restore the property after work is completed. Boring locations are shown in Appendix A of the enclosed Cultural Resources Report. Boring locations may shift slightly based on the locations of underground utilities and access constraints.

The proposed APE for the Project includes the footprint of each boring and extends in a 75-foot radius around each boring (see Figure 2-1 of the enclosed Cultural Resources Report). The APE includes the work area for the borings, which will be approximately 60 feet long and 10 to 12 feet wide to accommodate the drill rig and associated work space, support equipment, and a 15-foot buffer.

Cultural Resources Evaluation

The enclosed Cultural Resources Report documents the results of the background research conducted for the Project by Jacobs archaeologists and architectural historians. Jacobs staff reviewed geological mapping (including LiDAR), the WISAARD database, the Washington Statewide Archaeology Predictive Model, ethnographic place name locations, and historical-based archival records and previous studies within the vicinity of the geotechnical investigation proposed by the Project.

Archaeological Resources

There is one previously recorded historic archaeological site (45KI765) within the Project APE that is more than 50 feet away from a proposed geotechnical boring. Archaeological site 45KI765 was determined not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2005. There are also two precontact archaeological sites (45KI1353 and 45KI52) within 1,000 feet of the APE and four historic archaeological sites (45KI765, 45KI958, 45KI1223, and 45KI1185) within 500 feet. Section 6 of the Cultural Resources Report describes these sites, along with archaeological sensitivity areas. Archaeological monitoring is proposed for the 59 borings that are located in areas with moderate to high sensitivity for precontact/ethnographic archaeological resources, or historical archaeological resources (see Section 8 and Appendices A, B, and C of the Cultural Resources Report). The archaeological monitoring will also help inform the subsequent EIS evaluations for the overall West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project.

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Historic Resources

There are 85 borings located within 75 feet of built environment properties that are either NRHPlisted or eligible for listing. These borings and the proximal NRHP-listed or -eligible resources are listed in Appendix F of the Cultural Resources Report. Of these, three borings are located outside of the public right-of-way and within the property boundary of the NRHP-eligible Memorial Stadium. Additionally, 46 borings are located within the public right-of-way within the Seattle Chinatown National Historic District and the Pioneer Square-Skid Row National Historic District; 11 of these borings are located in both districts. All other borings within 75 feet of built environment properties that are NRHP-listed or eligible for listing are located within the public right-of-way and not within the physical property boundary of the resources.

As described above, all borings are temporary in nature. Borings located in Memorial Stadium will not adversely affect the historic property because no aspect of the integrity will be altered or diminished. Borings located in the public right-of-way will not directly or indirectly affect built environment historic resources.

It is possible that other NHRP-eligible resources that have not yet been identified, evaluated, and recorded are within 75 feet of the proposed borings. However, these borings would be in public right-of-way or parking lots, and would not have the potential to directly or indirectly affect additional historic properties, if any exist.

Determinations

Based on the aforementioned documentation, FTA has made the following determinations:

- The APE for the Project is limited to a 75-foot radius around each boring location as depicted on Figure 2-1 of the enclosed Cultural Resources Report.
- There are 26 resources listed on, or eligible for, the NRHP within the APE as outlined in Table 4-1 of the enclosed Cultural Resources Report.
- The Project would have <u>no adverse effect</u> on resources on or eligible for the NRHP.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, FTA respectfully requests any comments you may have with these determinations within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Assam, FTA, at (206) 220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov, or Lauren Swift, Sound Transit, at (206) 398-5301 or lauren.swift@soundtransit.org.

Thank you for your consultation on the Project.

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Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

- cc: Laura Murphy, Cultural Resources, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
 Dennis Wardlaw, Transportation Archaeologist, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
 Lauren Swift, Central Corridor Environmental Manager, Sound Transit
- Enclosure: Geotechnical Investigation Cultural Resources Assessment and Inadvertent Discovery Plan, July 2019



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July 23, 2019

The Honorable Shawn Yanity Chairman Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington P.O. Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223-0297

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Eligibility and Effects Determination

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The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation P.O. Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

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The Honorable Teri Gobin Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes of Washington 6406 Marine Drive Tulalip, WA 98271

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July 23, 2019

Allyson Brooks, Ph.D. State Historic Preservation Officer Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation P.O. Box 48343 Olympia, WA 98504-8343

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Eligibility and Effects Determination

Dear Dr. Brooks:

On February 25, 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) initiated Section 106 consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project Tracking Code: 2018-02-01062) as proposed by Sound Transit. In May 2019, the Sound Transit Board, in coordination with FTA, identified alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This fall, the Sound Transit Board and FTA plan to identify if other alternatives suggested during the scoping process will be studied in the EIS. To support the forthcoming EIS, FTA and Sound Transit now propose the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Project (Project). The Project is comprised of a series of geotechnical borings which will support the ongoing design and environmental analysis of the overall West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, but is being treated as a separate federal undertaking subject to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800. This letter initiates Section 106 consultation, requests your feedback on the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE), and requests your concurrence with the proposed Eligibility and Effects Determinations for the Project.

To support the evaluation of the Project, Sound Transit's consultant Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs) has prepared *West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Geotechnical Investigation Cultural Resources Assessment and Inadvertent Discovery Plan*, dated July 2019 (Cultural

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Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, FTA is seeking SHPO concurrence with these determinations within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Assam, FTA, at (206) 220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov, or Lauren Swift, Sound Transit, at (206) 398-5301 or lauren.swift@soundtransit.org.

Thank you for your consultation on the Project.

Sincerely,

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- cc: Dennis Wardlaw, Transportation Archaeologist, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Lauren Swift, Central Corridor Environmental Manager, Sound Transit
- Enclosure: Geotechnical Investigation Cultural Resources Assessment and Inadvertent Discovery Plan, July 2019



July 24, 2019

The Honorable Cecile Hansen Chairwoman Duwamish Tribe 4705 W Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA 98106

Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension Geotechnical Investigation National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Eligibility and Effects Determination

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Subject: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension Geotechnical Investigation National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Eligibility and Effects Determination

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August 9, 2019

Ms. Linda Gehrke Deputy Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 915 Second Avenue Suite 3142 Seattle, WA. 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to: Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457 Property: King County_ West Seattle To Ballard Light Rail Extension_ Geotechnical Investigation Re: NO Adverse Effect

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

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

First, we agree with the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as mapped in the survey report. We also concur that the current project as proposed will have "NO ADVERSE EFFECT" on historic properties within the APE that are listed in, or determined eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of our concurrence, further contact with DAHP on this proposal is not necessary.

However, if new information about affected resources becomes available and/or the project scope of work changes significantly, please resume consultation as our assessment may be revised. Also, if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work immediately in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From:	<u>Green, Erin</u>
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Thank you, Erin

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September 10, 2019

The Honorable Jaison Elkins Chairman Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 39015 - 172nd Avenue SE Auburn, WA 98092

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Review Environmental Impact Statement Technical Methodologies

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Sincerely,

LINDA M GEHRKE Date: 2019.09.10 07:55:00 -07'00'

Linda M. Gehrke Regional Administrator

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The Honorable Shawn Yanity Chairman Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington P.O. Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223-0297

Subject:Sound TransitWest Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions ProjectInvitation to Review Environmental Impact Statement Technical Methodologies

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September 10, 2019

The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation P.O. Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Review Environmental Impact Statement Technical Methodologies

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September 10, 2019

The Honorable Teri Gobin Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes of Washington 6406 Marine Drive Tulalip, WA 98271

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Review Environmental Impact Statement Technical Methodologies

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September 10, 2019

The Honorable JoDe Goudy Chairman Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Invitation to Review Environmental Impact Statement Technical Methodologies

Dear Chairman Goudy:

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September 26, 2019

Ms. Lauren Swift Project Development Coordinator Sound Transit Union Station 401 S. Jackson Street Seattle, WA. 98104-2826

In future correspondence please refer to: Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457 Property: King County_ West Seattle To Ballard Light Rail Extension Re: EIS Methodology Review Comments

Dear Ms. Swift:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced proposal. In response, we have reviewed the materials you provided for this project. Our agency has review the material provided and has the following comments regarding the cultural resource methodology:

- DAHP has concerns regarding cumulative impacts in relation to the up-zoning and long-term alteration to the scale and character of the neighborhoods being impacted. Furthermore, upzoning could lead to significant detrimental impacts on legacy businesses as we have seen in other areas of the City. Substantial demolition and highly speculative development may occur resulting in complete loss of historic resources and should be addressed and mitigated.
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 concurrence. Please ensure that discussions of eligibility for other potential listings, including
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 intended to improve DAHP's review time of the Historic Property Inventory forms in order to
 respond in the most expedient manner possible for FTA.

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

Sincerely,

Dennis Wardlaw Transportation Archaeologist



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February 12, 2020

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Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effects and Archaeological Survey and Inventory Plan SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457

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Request for Comment

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Enclosures: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Vicinity Map
 Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard
 Link Extensions (November 2019)
 Archaeological Survey and Inventory Plan – Phase 1, January 2020



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Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effects and Archaeological Survey and Inventory Plan SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457

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The Honorable Leonard Forsman Chairman Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation P.O. Box 498 Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effects and Archaeological Survey and Inventory Plan SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457

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February 20, 2020 Honorable Cecile Hansen Tribal Chair Duwamish Tribe 4708 W Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA 98106

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This letter is to follow up in order to provide you with updated project specific information and includes:

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February 20, 2020 Tribal Chair Snohomish Tribe 9792 Edmonds Way #267 Edmonds, WA 98020

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effect and Archaeolgoical Survey and Inventory Plan SHPO Project Tracking Code 2019-02-01457

Dear Tribal Chair:

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This letter is to follow up in order to provide you with updated project specific information and includes:

1) A definition of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) - (please see description below and documents included on the enclosed CD); and

2) A Cultural Resources Survey and Inventory plan focused on archaeological investigation that outlines a phased approach for cultural resources investigation (included on enclosed CD).

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February 25, 2020

Ms. Linda Gehrke Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 915 Second Avenue Suite 3142 Seattle, WA. 98174-1002

In future correspondence please refer to: Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457 Property: King County_ West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension Re: APE Concur

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced project. In response, we have reviewed your description and map of the area of potential effect (APE).

We concur with your definition of the APE. We have also reviewed your methodology for the archaeological inventory. At this time we have no comments on the archaeological inventory methodology. However, DAHP is requesting that FTA provide the methodology for the built environment inventory efforts as well as a discussion on how these inventory efforts articulate to the phased approach of this project. Also, please provide any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes and/or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36 CFR 800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Should additional information about the project become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Hi Dennis,

As part of our continuing efforts to coordinate closely with your office on the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457), Sound Transit has uploaded 376 historic property inventory (HPI) forms for properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) using Sound Transit's FTP site (see access instructions below). These forms were submitted in the following three files/batches:

- 1. WSBLE HPIs Batch 1 Updated 20200402RS (Ballard)
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The files can be accessed at the link below using the username and password shown below: Link: <u>ftp://ftp.soundtransit.org/temporary_holding/WSBLE%20HPI/</u> Username: TempHold Password: TempHold

As we discussed during our teleconference on March 13, 2020, I am attaching an Excel file for your use in reviewing and commenting on the HPI forms, as well as a map set showing the location of each historic property within the geographic "HPI batches" throughout the entire project corridor.

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Thank you for your assistance.

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August 31, 2020

Riisa Conklin Executive Director Freeway Park Association 601 Union Street, Suite 310 Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Ms. Conklin:

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Kathleen Barry Johnson Executive Director Historic South Downtown Community Preservation and Development Authority 409B Maynard Avenue South Seattle, WA 98107

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which you may have an interest. Properties of interest include those buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts that are either listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP.

If you elect to participate as a consulting party, please inform FTA of your decision and provide any comments on the APE within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Should you require additional information or have questions, please contact Mark Assam at 206-220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the Project.

Sincerely,

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