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Roger Millar Secretary of Transportation Washington State Department of Transportation Olympia, Washington 98502

Attention: Marshall Elizer

Federal Planning Finding and 2022-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Approval

Dear Mr. Millar:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Washington Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) submitted on December 17, 2021, for Federal approval. In conjunction with the STIP approval, FHWA and FTA conducted a Federal Planning Finding review to determine that the proposed STIP is based on a statewide transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5304, and 23 CFR 450 Subparts A, B, and C.

During 2021, FHWA and FTA reviewed the transportation planning process at the statewide and metropolitan planning levels. The enclosed Federal Planning Finding documents the results of our review.

FHWA and FTA find that the projects in the proposed STIP are based on a planning process that meets federal requirements, and, therefore, give joint approval of the Washington 2022-2025 STIP. We also jointly affirm our air quality determination (documented in November 2021), that the State and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) meet air quality conformity requirements under the Federal Clean Air Act.

If you have any questions concerning the 2022-2025 STIP approval or Federal Planning Finding, please contact Matt Kunic, FHWA, at 360-753-9487 and/or Ned Conroy, FTA, at 206-220-4318.

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