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To: Linda Gehrke, Region 10 District Administrator
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Jeff Graham, Area Engineer
Federal Highways Administration (Oregon)

From: Kris Strickler, Chief Engineer
Columbia River Crossing

Subject: Sections 106, 4(f), and government-to-government consultation with tribes

The Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project recognizes the difference in process between FTA and FHWA for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, and formal government-to-government consultation with affected tribes. The project also understands FHWA and FTA are currently coordinating to establish which process the project should use to comply with various federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to the aforementioned processes, through a stewardship agreement. However, the timeline for finalizing the agreement does not coincide with the need to advance the project schedule.

In an effort to maintain schedule and streamline the development of the CRC project, the CRC management team respectfully requests for FTA to defer to FHWA for compliance with Section 106, Section 4(f) and government-to-government consultation with the tribes.

With your signatures below, we will move forward with what we are requesting. If there is concern with this approach, please don't hesitate to contact the project team.

We appreciate the assistance that our federal partners have given to the CRC project, and look forward to continued coordination.

Sincerely,

Kris Strickler, PE

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