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Roger Millar
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
Olympia, Washington

**Washington State Department of
Transportation (WSDOT) FY 2017-2019
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
(DBE) Goal Submission**

Dear Mr. Millar:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26.45, we have reviewed the overall goal submitted by WSDOT for the FY 2017-2019 DBE Program. For the Federal-aid highway program, WSDOT submitted a proposed overall goal of 19 percent (2.2% of which it projects to meet through race-neutral means and 16.8% through race-conscious means – once the waiver has been rescinded). Our review considered the overall goal as well as the description of the data and methodology used in arriving at your overall goal, including the base figure calculation and evidence supporting the calculation; adjustments made to the base figure calculation and the evidence supporting the adjustment; a summary of the relevant evidence in your jurisdiction; the projection of the portion of your overall goal that you will meet through race-neutral as opposed to race-conscious means and the basis for your projections; and the evidence of public participation in establishing your overall goal.

Based on our review of this information, we have determined that the goal setting methodology employed by WSDOT is consistent with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.45, and is therefore approved. We encourage WSDOT to complete the revisions to its Small Business Element plan and submit to FHWA for approval. Once approved, WSDOT can begin to utilize additional measures which are intended to increase race-neutral participation.

In closing, we apologize for the delay in responding to WSDOT's FY 2017-2019 triennial DBE Overall Goal Methodology submission (received by the Division on January 11, 2018). Our decision in this matter is the result of a comprehensive review and evaluation by the Division, our Headquarters' Office of Civil Rights, and our Chief Counsel's office. In this case, our joint review took more time than anticipated. We appreciate your leadership role and WSDOT's

efforts to strengthen its DBE program. We commend WSDOT's achievements over the past three years and look forward to continued success henceforth. Thank you!

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (360) 753-9413, or Jodi Petersen at (360) 534-9325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel M. Mathis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

DANIEL M. MATHIS, P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Earl Key