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Elizabeth Campbell  
Email

Dear Ms. Campbell,

This is to update you on your Public Records Disclosure Requests:

PDR-09-1031 dated September 23, 2009.  
PDR-09-1077 dated September 23, 2009  
PDR-09-1079 dated September 23, 2009  
PDR-09-1082 dated September 26, 2009

We are using all of our available resources to respond to your requests as soon as possible. Progress is being made on all four of your current requests.

PDR 09-1077, PDR 09-1079 and PDR 09-1082: We are still in the process of locating these files. Because of the volume of documents you have requested, it will not be possible to release all of them within 30 days. Currently, we estimate it will take us between six and eight months to completely fulfill them, though we will provide documents in batches throughout that period. We will provide the first batch of documents in mid-October, and at the same time, we will provide you a more specific schedule for fulfilling your requests. If there are items that you would like us to prioritize over others, we would be happy to work with you to accommodate your priorities.

PDR 09-1031: We have collected responsive documents and are in the process of reviewing for exemptions. We expect to send you these documents next week.

There are also some items in PDR 09-1079 we need additional information on or clarification, some of which I included in my e-mail on Sept. 29:

1. Please send us a copy of the "Cost Estimates 2008" e-mail you reference in 2b and 3v and a copy of the November 18, 2008 e-mail you reference in items 2c and 3w.
2. Clarification on item 3a: The deliberations and decisions related to the "process of selecting a contracting team."
3. Clarification on item 3e: According to the RFQ (page 5), "The WSDOT Project team is engaged in early coordination with all Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local agencies that have

permitting authority, special expertise, or interest in transportation projects.” Please provide the documentation which sets out the name, address, contact person, phone, and other identifying information for each of those alluded to in the above statement, and a copy of all communications, from January 1, 2007 to even date of all documents held, transmitted, and/or received by WSDOT related to the coordination and consultation between WSDOT and the “tribes”; for both the tunnel project and each of the six moving forward projects.”

4. Clarification on item 3g: Deliberative and decisional documents associated with the 9/15/09 RFQ for the Tunnel alternative and for all the other alternatives alluded to in the following statement from the RFQ (pages 5 and 6): “Therefore, the NEPA/SEPA documentation, Section 106 and Endangered Species Act consultations, and environmental permits for the Project will not be completed prior to the award of the contract. In light of that, WSDOT anticipates issuing two phases of Notice To Proceed (NTP) for this Project as further defined in Section 4.1. This is to ensure that no commitments are made to any alternative being evaluated in the NEPA process and that the comparative merits of all alternatives presented in the NEPA document, including the no-build alternative, will be evaluated and fairly considered.” that are intended to ensure that all alternatives are/will receive equal consideration and treatment; commensurate with the actions being pursued for the tunnel alternative.”

If you have any further questions you may contact me at 206-464-1182.

Sincerely,

Fred Chang  
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