

Compliance with Federal Regulations

I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project

June 26 - July 19, 2012

Due to the federal funds committed to the Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project, Chris M. Bucher is the FHWA Engineer that is responsible for monitoring that all phases of the project comply with federal regulations through the life of the project.

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Subject: RE: I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project/Section 106 Consulting Party Queries
Date: Thursday, July 19, 2012 10:32 AM

Mike,

My area of responsibility covers all federally funded projects located within ODOT Region 3, which would include the I-5 Interchange 61 area. This interchange is currently being assessed and an appropriate improvement alternative will be selected that will be compliant with federal regulation. If you have specific questions about the plans for this area, I would ask that you contact Jerry Vogt for environmental related questions (ODOT Region Environmental Coordinator, 541.864.8823, jerry.vogt@odot.state.or.us<<mailto:jerry.vogt@odot.state.or.us>>) and Kent Belleque for IAMP related questions (503.986.3536, Kent.R.Belleque@odot.state.or.us<<mailto:Kent.R.Belleque@odot.state.or.us>>). They will be a good starting point to answer and/or redirect your questions to others depending on the nature of your inquiry. Please let me know if you still have questions or concerns after having discussions with these folks. Thank you for your interest.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 6:31 AM
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Subject: Re: I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project/Section 106 Consulting Party Queries

July 4, 2012

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Dear Chris:

Perhaps you can help us.

I am also a Director with the 501(c)(3) non-profit Rogue Advocates. We have a concern with the failing I-5 Interchange 61 (Louse Creek) in northern Josephine County, Oregon. Until this interchange is fixed we will have failed to maintain the balance between the land uses allowed under a comprehensive plan and zoning, and the transportation system that supports those land uses.

Are you also the FHWA Engineer that is responsible for monitoring that all phases of planning for the I-5 Interchange 61 (Louse Creek) Interchange Area Management Plan in northern Josephine County, Oregon, and that its projected multi-million dollar construction projects (Phases 1 - 5, preliminary cost of \$17,750,000.00) comply with federal regulations through the life of the project's construction phases? If not, could you identify the applicable FHWA Engineer?

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Mike :)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 9:24 AM

Subject: RE: I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project/Section 106 Consulting Party Queries (emphasis added)

Mike,

Thank you for your interest in the I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project and providing comments in your Section 106 consulting party role. Your comments will be considered as we continue through the project development process. Due to the federal funds committed to this project, **I am the FHWA Engineer that is responsible for monitoring that all phases of the project comply with federal regulations through the life of the project.** I want to assure you that the FHWA will design and construct a project that considers environmental regulations and interests and meets the needs of the motoring public through this important corridor, while attempting to make the best use of the funds available for the improvement. Thank you again for your involvement in this process. (emphasis added)

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June 26, 2012 Email

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Reference: I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project/Section 106 Consulting Party Queries (emphasis added)

Dear Chris:

The Oregon Department of Transportation identified you as the contact for the National Environmental Policy Act categorical exclusion determination for the "I-5: Glendale - Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane Project" (Project). We assume this means that you are also the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative ultimately responsible for completing or approving the Section 106 review of the Project. (emphasis added)

We offer our comments for your consideration in the spirit of public involvement in the Section 106 process as identified on the web site of the Advisory Council on Historical Preservation (<http://www.achp.gov/usersguide.html>). We are interested in how the FHWA is going to comply with Section 106, NEPA, and what is the status of FHWA' involvement in Project planning (see email attachment).

Sincerely,

Mike :)

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