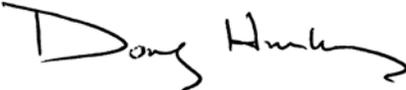




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To: Governor Christine Gregoire
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From: Doug Hurley, Chair 

Date: October 13, 2005

Subject: Final Report — Business Process Review of Environmental Permitting for Transportation Projects

In January 2005, the Transportation Performance Audit Board (TPAB) authorized the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to conduct a review of the environmental permitting issues related to capital construction projects delivered by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on TPAB's behalf. Ten sample projects were selected in order to analyze the environmental documentation and permitting process to identify key contributors to delays, prioritize streamlining efforts, and assess recent changes in regulations of drainage ditches and storm water runoff.

While TPAB adopted the final report and recommendations from JLARC at its October 7, 2005 meeting, the Board will be providing additional comments and recommendations which will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

The final report is available online at http://www1.leg.wa.gov/TPAB/Audits/Permitting_Review.htm.

I would appreciate your feedback or discussion about this report. If you or your staff have questions about this letter or the report, please feel free to contact me directly, or Dalene Sprick TPAB Administrator, (360) 786-7327.

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