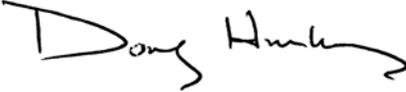




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To: Governor Christine Gregoire
Senate Transportation Committee
House Transportation Committee

From: Doug Hurley, Chair 

Date: October 13, 2005

Subject: Final Report - Review of Accountability Mechanisms for WSDOT

At the January 21, 2005 Transportation Performance Audit Board (TPAB) meeting, the Board approved the scope and objectives for the Review of Accountability Mechanisms for WSDOT and authorized the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to conduct the study on TPAB's behalf.

The following TPAB recommendations are a result of the study, JLARC's recommendations and TPAB's consideration of the report and the related recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to supporting the four JLARC recommendations, TPAB recommends the following:

1. The Transportation Performance Audit Board and the State Auditor should both publish their respective work plans in order to add greater visibility and transparency for the public related to the auditing of transportation agencies.
2. It is essential that the Governor's assessment of transportation governance address conflicts of interest related to TPAB management and audit duties. The Governor's recommendations should ensure that TPAB can comply with generally accepted audit independence standards.
3. WSDOT currently has a Management Project Delivery system which identifies and tracks performance measures for delivery of transportation projects; an exemplary practice which should be utilized for all projects.

The full report is online at: http://www1.leg.wa.gov/TPAB/Audits/Accountability_Review.htm. TPAB would appreciate feedback and discussion regarding the report and the accompanying recommendations. If you or your staff have questions regarding the report or this letter, please contact me or Dalene Sprick, TPAB Administrator at (360) 786-7327.

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