

May 19, 2020

Dr. Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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Olympia, WA, 98504-8343

**Yakima County
East-West Corridor
Invitation to be a Participating Agency for FHWA
NEPA EA**

Dear Dr. Brooks,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) to be a Participating Agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

The East-West Corridor would create a new transportation corridor between the City of Yakima and the community of Terrace Heights by providing an alternative crossing of the Yakima River, as shown on the attached vicinity map. Additional project information is available on the project website at <https://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), FHWA, WSDOT, and the Yakima County invite your organization to be a Participating Agency during the NEPA EA process. As a Participating Agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

- Participate in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;
- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction or area of expertise.

We would appreciate receiving your response via e-mail or mail using the attached form by June 22, 2020.

Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation Officer
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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Sharon Love, FHWA Environmental Program Manager, at 360-753-9558 or Sharon.Love@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the East-West Corridor.

Sincerely,

Melanie Vance
Environmental Manager
Local Programs

cc via email:

Gary Martindale, FHWA Area Engineer
Bill Preston, WSDOT SCR Local Programs Engineer
Brian White, WSDOT SCR ARA-Development
Joan Davenport, Yakima Community Development Director
Matt Pietrusiewicz, PE, Yakima County Engineer
Sydney Hanson

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Mr. Dave Palazzi
Planning Program Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
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Olympia, WA, 98504

**Yakima County
East-West Corridor
Invitation to be a Participating Agency for FHWA
NEPA EA**

Dear Mr. Palazzi,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be a Participating Agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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Dave Palazzi
Planning Program Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
May 19, 2020

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Mr. Mike Livingston
Region 3 Director
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Yakima, WA, 98902-5702

**Yakima County
East-West Corridor
Invitation to be a Participating Agency for FHWA
NEPA EA**

Dear Mr. Livingston,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to be a Participating Agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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Mike Livingston
Region 3 Director
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
May 19, 2020

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Sharon Love, FHWA Environmental Program Manager, at 360-753-9558 or Sharon.Love@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the East-West Corridor.

Sincerely,

Melanie Vance
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Mr. Brenden McFarland
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**Yakima County
East-West Corridor
Invitation to be a Participating Agency for FHWA
NEPA EA**

Dear Mr. McFarland,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY) to be a Participating Agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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Brenden McFarland
Manager, Environmental Review Section
Washington State Department of Ecology
May 19, 2020

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Sincerely,

Melanie Vance
Environmental Manager
Local Programs

cc via email:

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Matt Pietrusiewicz, PE, Yakima County Engineer

From: [Love, Sharon \(FHWA\)](#)
To: [Vance, Melanie](#)
Subject: FW: Yakima County - East-West Corridor Project
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:37:52 PM

Sharon P. Love
360-753-9558
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From: Goodwillie, Teri (FHWA) **On Behalf Of** FHWA, Washington (FHWA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Love, Sharon (FHWA) <sharon.love@dot.gov>; Martindale, Gary(FHWA) <Gary.Martindale@dot.gov>
Subject: FW: Yakima County - East-West Corridor Project

From: Hanson, Sydney (DAHP) [<mailto:Sydney.Hanson@dahp.wa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:15 PM
To: FHWA, Washington (FHWA) <hdawa@dot.gov>
Cc: Wardlaw, Dennis (DAHP) <dennis.wardlaw@dahp.wa.gov>; Brooks, Allyson (DAHP) <Allyson.Brooks@DAHP.WA.GOV>
Subject: Yakima County - East-West Corridor Project

To whom it may concern:

DAHP would like to accept the invitation to be a Participating Agency in the NEPA EA process for this project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Sydney Hanson, MA | Transportation Archaeologist
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**Please note that all DAHP employees are currently working remotely as a precaution against COVID-19. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed. I will be checking my office voicemail frequently. Please call my cell for immediate assistance. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

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From: [Franks, Sierra E](#)
To: Teri.Goodwillie@dot.gov
Cc: [Martindale, Gary\(FHWA\)](#); [Vance, Melanie](#); [Preston, Bill](#); [White, Brian](#); joan.davenport@yakimawa.gov; matt.pietrusiewicz@co.yakima.wa.us; [Krupka, Jeff](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to be a Cooperating agency for the FHWA NEPA EA East-West Corridor, Yakima County, Washington
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:31:02 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-vmlplhud.png](#)

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Hello Ms. Goodwillie,

We have received your request to participate as a cooperating agency for the FHWA NEPA EA East-West Corridor in Yakima County, Washington. While we appreciate the invitation and opportunity for early involvement, we regrettably must decline this invitation. We are currently understaffed and have more work than we have staff to complete it. We look forward to engaging on the project when it becomes an ESA issue.

Kind regards -
Sierra Franks

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From: [Love, Sharon \(FHWA\)](#)
To: [Vance, Melanie](#); [Purdom, Hans](#); [Martindale, Gary\(FHWA\)](#); [Preston, Bill](#)
Subject: FW: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:00:17 PM

Thanks for providing the additional information to Mr. Moore. Here is the Corps' formal acceptance of Cooperating Agency status.

- Sharon

Sharon P. Love
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-----Original Message-----

From: Goodwillie, Teri (FHWA) On Behalf Of FHWA, Washington (FHWA)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Martindale, Gary(FHWA) <Gary.Martindale@dot.gov>; Love, Sharon (FHWA) <sharon.love@dot.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency

-----Original Message-----

From: Moore, David J CIV USARMY CENWS (USA) [<mailto:David.J.Moore@usace.army.mil>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:26 PM
To: FHWA, Washington (FHWA) <hdawa@dot.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency

Good afternoon,

The Corps will be a cooperating agency on this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional documentation.

Thank you,

David Moore, PWS
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-----Original Message-----

From: Goodwillie, Teri (FHWA) [<mailto:Teri.Goodwillie@dot.gov>] On Behalf Of FHWA, Washington (FHWA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Moore, David J CIV USARMY CENWS (USA) <David.J.Moore@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Martindale, Gary(FHWA) <Gary.Martindale@dot.gov>; VANCEM@wsdot.wa.gov; 'Bill Preston (PRESTOB@wsdot.wa.gov)' <PRESTOB@wsdot.wa.gov>; 'Brian White (WHITEB@wsdot.wa.gov)' <WHITEB@wsdot.wa.gov>; joan.davenport@yakimawa.gov; matt.pietrusiewicz@co.yakima.wa.us
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency

Please see the attached pdfs for your Invitation to be a Cooperating agency for the FHWA NEPA EA East-West Corridor, Yakima County, Washington. Due to the current situation, no hard copy will be sent. Should you require a hard copy, please don't hesitate to contact me at the email address below and I will get one sent out to you.

Thank you

Teri Goodwillie

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EAST-WEST CORRIDOR PROJECT
COOPERATING AGENCY DESIGNATION

- YES, the US Coast Guard wishes to be designated as a cooperating agency for the proposed East-West Corridor project.
- NO, the US Coast Guard does not wish to be designated as a cooperating agency for the proposed East-West Corridor project. However, US Coast Guard does wish to be designated as a participating agency.
- NO, the US Coast Guard does not wish to be designated as a cooperating agency for the proposed East-West Corridor project. The US Coast Guard also does not wish to be designated as a participating agency because:
 - The US Coast Guard has no jurisdiction or authority pertaining to the project.
 - The US Coast Guard has no expertise or information relevant to the project.
 - The US Coast Guard does not intend to submit comments on the project.

Authorized Official (signature not required for email)

Date

Print Name

Title

Please email your choice, or return this form by June 22, 2020 to:

Sharon Love, P.E.
Federal Highway Administration
711 S. Capitol Way Suite 501
Olympia, WA 98501
Phone: 360-753-9558
Email: Washington.FHWA@dot.gov



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the
Treaty of June 9, 1855

July 6, 2020

Sent Via Email

Daniel M. Mathis, Division Administrator
c/o Sharon Love, Environmental Program Manager
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
sharon.love@dot.gov

Re: Invitation to be a Cooperating agency – Yakima East-West Corridor

Dear Ms. Love,

I write on behalf of the Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources (“YN DNR”) in response to the Federal Highway Administration’s (“FHWA”) May 19, 2020 letter inviting Yakama Nation to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the Yakima East-West Corridor Project (“Project”).

As this time, YN DNR does not have enough information about the Project to determine the best option for participating with the lead agencies. YN DNR requests an update meeting with your agency, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, the City of Yakima, and Yakima County to better understand the status of the Project and planned development.

Please contact me at (509) 685-5121 x4655 or phil_rigdon@yakama.com to schedule a meeting to discuss the current status of the Project. We look forward to an opportunity to engage with all lead agencies on the Project in order to ensure that Yakama Nation’s resources are not adversely impacted by the Project.

Sincerely,

Phil Rigdon, Superintendent
YAKAMA NATION DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

cc via email: Gary Martindale, Federal Highway Administration
Melanie Vance, Washington State Department of Transportation
Bill Preston, Washington State Department of Transportation
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Matt Pietrusiewicz, Yakima County Engineer, Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Delano Saluskin
Chairman
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
PO Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98949

**Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Chairman Saluskin:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

The East-West Corridor would create a new transportation corridor between the City of Yakima and the community of Terrace Heights by providing an alternative crossing of the Yakima River, as shown on the enclosed vicinity map. Additional project information is available on the project website at <https://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the Yakama Nation's usual and accustomed areas. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

- Participate in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;
- Review and comment on the NEPA documents within 30 days.

- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the Yakama Nation to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, Yakama Nation would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Please either e-mail me or use the enclosed form to accept or decline this invitation by June 22, 2020. Your agency will be treated as a participating agency unless we receive your written response accepting cooperating agency status or declining cooperating and participating agency designations outlined above by June 22, 2020.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Gary Martindale, Area Engineer at 360-534-9344 or Gary.Martindale@dot.gov, or Sharon Love, Environmental Program Manager, at 360-753-9558 or Sharon.Love@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the East-West Corridor.

Sincerely,

DANIEL M. MATHIS, P.E.
Division Administrator

By: Sharon P. Love, P.E.
Environmental Program Manager

Enclosures

Cc via electronically: Gary Martindale, FHWA
Melanie Vance, WSDOT
Bill Preston, WSDOT SCR Local Programs Engineer
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Joan Davenport, Yakima Community Development Director
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**Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Eberlein:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

The East-West Corridor would create a new transportation corridor between the City of Yakima and the community of Terrace Heights by providing an alternative crossing of the Yakima River, as shown on the enclosed vicinity map. Additional project information is available on the project website at <https://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the FEMA's floodplain management authority. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

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- Review and comment on the NEPA documents within 30 days.

- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the FEMA to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, FEMA would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

Please use the enclosed form to accept or decline this invitation by June 22, 2020. Your agency will be treated as a participating agency unless we receive your written response accepting cooperating agency status or declining cooperating and participating agency designations outlined above by June 22, 2020.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Gary Martindale, Area Engineer at 360-534-9344 or Gary.Martindale@dot.gov, or Sharon Love, Environmental Program Manager, at 360-753-9558 or Sharon.Love@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the East-West Corridor.

Sincerely,

DANIEL M. MATHIS, P.E.
Division Administrator

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National Marine Fisheries Service
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

**Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Yeager:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the NMFS's species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

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- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the NMFS to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, NMFS would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

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**Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

The East-West Corridor would create a new transportation corridor between the City of Yakima and the community of Terrace Heights by providing an alternative crossing of the Yakima River, as shown on the enclosed vicinity map. Additional project information is available on the project website at <https://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the USACE's Section 404 permit. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

- Participate in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;
- Review and comment on the NEPA documents within 30 days.

- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the USACE to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, USACE would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

Please use the enclosed form to accept or decline this invitation by June 22, 2020. Your agency will be treated as a participating agency unless we receive your written response accepting cooperating agency status or declining cooperating and participating agency designations outlined above by June 22, 2020

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Gary Martindale, Area Engineer at 360-534-9344 or Gary.Martindale@dot.gov, or Sharon Love, Environmental Program Manager, at 360-753-9558 or Sharon.Love@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the East-West Corridor.

Sincerely,

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**Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency
for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Stuart:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

The East-West Corridor would create a new transportation corridor between the City of Yakima and the community of Terrace Heights by providing an alternative crossing of the Yakima River, as shown on the enclosed vicinity map. Additional project information is available on the project website at <https://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the USBR's land ownership. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

- Participate in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;
- Review and comment on the NEPA documents within 30 days.

- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the USBR to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, USBR would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

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Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. McReynolds:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the US Coast Guard (USCG) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the USCG's Section 10 permit. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

- Participate in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;

- Review and comment on the NEPA documents within 30 days.
- Identify the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EA pertaining to resource(s) in your jurisdiction.

Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the USCG to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, USCG would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

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for FHWA NEPA EA East-West
Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Hladick:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the EPA's Clean Water Act Section 402, NPDES Discharge Permit. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

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Should you decline participation as a cooperating agency, FHWA, WSDOT and Yakima County ask the EPA to consider serving as a participating agency. In this capacity, EPA would participate in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time.

Your agency does not have to accept this invitation. If, however, you elect not to become a cooperating or participating agency you must decline this invitation in writing, indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority in respect to the Project, no expertise or information relevant to the Project, and does not intend to submit comments on the Project pursuant to 23 USC 139(d)(3).

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Corridor, Yakima County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Krupka:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Yakima County are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East-West Corridor project in Yakima County, Washington, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. The FHWA is the Federal lead agency and WSDOT and Yakima County are the joint lead agencies for the EA under NEPA.

We are inviting the US Department of Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) to be a cooperating agency in the NEPA EA process for the East-West Corridor.

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In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111 (d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in the East-West Corridor due to the USFWS's species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the EA process. As a cooperating agency, you would be requested to provide the following during the development of the EA:

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