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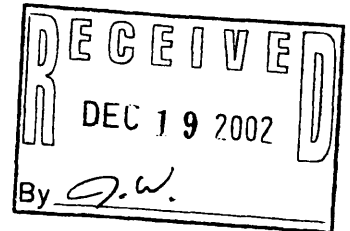


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Buell Hawkins, Chair
Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council
Columbia Station, Third Floor
300 S. Columbia Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

I am pleased to formally designate the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Wenatchee Urbanized Area (Area). It is especially gratifying that your request for designation is accompanied by 100 percent agreement of the local governments within the Area and the full endorsement of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

I congratulate and commend the commissioners and staff from Chelan and Douglas Counties; the mayors, council members and staff from the cities of Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, and Rock Island; and the commissioners and staff from the Ports of Douglas and Chelan Counties for this outstanding accomplishment. Working cooperatively to coordinate the transportation needs in the Area provides a great benefit to the taxpayers. Thank you for providing this service.

I look forward to working with the new Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council to meet our transportation challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke
Governor

cc: Daniel M. Mathis, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
Richard F. Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
Don Senn, North Central Regional Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation
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