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Greetings Honorable Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Collaboration- Health Analysis on Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), to coordinate a group to conduct a health analysis on the [Interstate Bridge Replacement Program](#) (IBR) to replace the I-5 bridge connecting Vancouver, Washington to Portland, Oregon.

We are currently convening partners and interested parties to participate in the Health Analysis Working Group, including the following: Washington State Department of Health, Oregon Health Authority, Clark County Public Health, and Multnomah County Public Health. We are completing a rapid health analysis, including evidence-based health recommendations, for submission as a public comment on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. This analysis is projected to be completed by August 2024. The group will decide on roles for each agency partner within the project and will conduct the health analysis in collaboration with IBR.

The Working Group has started meeting weekly on Wednesdays. IBR has offered funding support for staff and community engagement for this project. While we do not have specific financial information about how much funding is available, the opportunity for financial support is present.

Any level of participation is welcome including: integrating tribal health priorities into the health analysis, reviewing and editing health analysis prior to publication, and full participation on the health analysis working group. For those interested in participating or anyone that would like to learn more about this health analysis, please contact Jessica Marcinkevage, Senior Epidemiologist and Built Environment Section Manager, at 360-463-7017 or jessica.marcinkevage@doh.wa.gov, or Candice Wilson, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR) Executive Director, at 360-819-7626 or candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Johnson".

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