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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Whatcom County Public Participation Plan. Overall the plan appears to meet the statutory requirements of the Growth Management Act. However, we do have some concerns regarding the involvement of the Lummi Nation in your public outreach.

Under Section 2.1, S-1 Transportation, no mention of coordinating your transportation planning efforts with the Lummi Nation's efforts. Since the Lummi Nation is not subject to the GMA it would seem prudent to reconcile the two plans to insure you achieve the objectives of RCW 36.70A.108. You can obtain a copy of our current Transportation Plan at [www.lummi-nsn.gov](http://www.lummi-nsn.gov).

Under Section 2.2 it would seem prudent to contact the Lummi Nation via the Chairman's Office to see if the Lummi Nation has anything under R-1, R-2 or R-5 that may affect your planning efforts. The same could be said for Section 2.3 regarding items D-2, D-3, D-4, D-8 and D-14.

You should list Tribes in section 2.1.2 Community Organizations you wish to do outreach to.

Either include Tribes in Section 3.3 or make a separate section with appropriate text that outlines the unique challenges Whatcom County faces as it seeks to include tribal planning in its deliberations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Public Participation Plan, please continue to keep us informed as you complete the adoption process.

Sincerely,

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