



28 June 2017

Dear members of the Okanogan Council of Governments,

It is my pleasure to submit to you copies of the final documents you adopted at your June 12 meeting:

- 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for the Okanogan Region
- Regional Transportation Work Program for the OCOG (SFY 2018-2019 UPWP)
- Public Participation Plan for the Okanogan Council of Governments

It was a privilege to work with you in developing your very first long-range plan and transportation work program; that's a rare opportunity. I appreciate your confidence in selecting me for this task.

Your insights, experience, and comments shaped the development of these documents. I've tried my best to capture the extraordinary character of the Okanogan region and more importantly, the visionary leadership you exemplify in establishing your own RTPO. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the region or its issues are my own.

I hope that this long-range plan and its implementing documents serve you well in advancing the regional priorities you've identified. They are meaningful projects with the potential to launch many other initiatives with benefit across the region. This long-range plan, your transportation work program, and your RTPO funding can be used to leverage opportunities and additional funding for planning initiatives, projects, and new partnerships. Years from now I hope you will be able to point to many accomplishments that resulted from this first plan.

If ever you have need for additional planning support or other services please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'd welcome the opportunity to work with you again.

Respectfully,

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Thera Black  
SCJ Alliance

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