

# **APPENDIX B**

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## **SEO Concurrence Communications**

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 1 – Reason for PEL

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Hello Taylor,

Thank you for meeting last Friday and the additional materials.

This email serves as SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #1 (Reason for a PEL). This PEL will provide robust public and agency engagement to develop and screen alternatives. These efforts may help streamline future NEPA, including the Range of Alternatives to be evaluated and any justification for dismissed alternatives.

SEO is looking forward to continued involvement in this project. We will attend the weekly update meetings as our schedules allows and if there are any other meetings where it would be beneficial for SEO to be involved, please include Emily, Jill, and myself. We will also plan for at least one representative attending any agency and public meetings. Please feel free to schedule any additional meetings with SEO, as needed.

Thank you,  
Doug

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 2 – Purpose and Need

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Hello Taylor,

Thank you for the revised Purpose and Need Statement. The newly-added "Goals" section supports alternative objectives considerations.

This email serves as SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #2 (Purpose and Need). The Purpose and Need was drafted utilizing appropriate planning assumptions and analytical methods, as outlined in the January 28, 2020 Draft PEL Questionnaire (attached). The Purpose and Need was developed in coordination with the public and agencies during the Community Focus Group and Agency Stakeholder meetings on November 5, 2019 and a Project Open House on November 19, 2019. The current revision will be presented to the Community Focus Group and Agency Stakeholder for further feedback and, if no changes are warranted, may inform future NEPA documentation.

If the Purpose and Need is modified prior to the completion of the PEL Study, please forward to SEO for review.

Thank you,  
Doug

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 3 – Planned Alternatives Development and Evaluation Process

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Hello Taylor,

Thank you for outlining the approach for the next phase in the Egan Yandukin Intersection Study project (SFHWY00079). This email serves as SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #3 (Planned Alternative Development and Evaluation Process). Comments on each topic are below.

### **Planned Alternatives Development Process**

#### Project Team Approach

Alternatives are being developed using results from the *2018 Traffic Analysis and Concepts Report*, project team suggestions, and comments from members of the public. Alternatives are being developed with the goal of producing a comprehensive list to be carried forward into the alternatives evaluation and screening processes, and will be documented in a draft white paper. The Agency Stakeholders, Community Focus Groups, and members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the range of alternatives evaluated and any justification for infeasible alternatives. This feedback will be incorporated in a final white paper.

#### SEO Feedback

This process involves many opportunities for public and agency feedback and does not limit the number of alternatives to be considered. Thoroughly exploring all alternatives with the agencies and public is a core objective of this PEL.

During future NEPA, cooperating agencies may concur with the PEL Study and adopt all or part of it as their NEPA requirements.

### **Planned Alternatives Evaluation Process and Proposed Evaluation Criteria**

#### Project Team Approach

There will be two levels of alternatives evaluation as part of the PEL. The Level 1 screening will evaluate how well each alternative meets the Purpose and Need elements, project goals, and selected qualitative measures, including impacts to wetlands, protected lands (i.e., Section 4(f) resources), and right-of-way. These Level 1 screening measures will be presented to Agency Stakeholders and Community Focus Groups (Groups) for comment and feedback. A draft white paper of the Level 1 screening measures will be presented to the Groups, and will allow for modifications based on feedback.



The Level 2 screening measures will be developed with the Groups and will be more detailed than Level 1. As with Level 1, a draft white paper of the Level 2 screening measures will be presented to the Groups for feedback. The Level 2 screening is anticipated to result in a list of recommended alternatives.

Level 1 screening measures, Level 1 white paper, Level 2 screening measures, level 2 white paper, and recommended alternatives will be brought to the public for comment and feedback before being finalized.

#### SEO Feedback

This is a robust plan for meaningful agency and public involvement in development and screening of alternatives. The justification and coordination for not carrying forward alternatives may streamline future NEPA.

Draft Level 2 screening measures will be prepared at a future date. SEO will provide any comments on those during future project team meetings, if any.

### **Planned Documentation**

#### Project Team Approach

Alternatives development and evaluation will be documented the PEL Study and PEL Questionnaire and supported by the Alternatives Development white paper, Level 1 screening measures, Level 1 Screening white paper, Level 2 screening measures, Level 2 Screening white paper, and Recommended Alternatives. Supporting meeting notes, comments, and summary reports may also be used to document the decisionmaking process.

#### SEO Feedback

The PEL Study and PEL Questionnaire will be reviewed by SEO at a future date.

### **Who Will Be Involved**

#### Project Team Approach

The Agency Stakeholder Group includes state and federal resource agencies who may have jurisdictional authority over a resource within the project area.

The Community Focus Group includes Tribal entities, local authorities and community group representatives, affected group representatives, local business owners, and nearby property owners.

The Public is all members of the public, including those in the aforementioned Groups.

#### SEO Feedback

The project proposes to provide sufficient opportunity to agencies and the public for

meaningful input throughout the process. The current plan allows for additional engagement if needed and for feedback to directly inform project decisionmaking.

Please keep us updated on developments.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** SEO PEL Coordination Point #3 - Planned Alternatives development and evaluation process - Egan-Yandukin Intersection PEL Study - SFHWY00079

Hello Emily,

I am requesting SEO's concurrence on the planned alternatives development and evaluation process for the Egan Yandukin Intersection Study project (SFHWY00079). The purpose of this coordination point is to detail the process by which we intend to develop a range of alternatives, evaluate them, and select a single or several recommended alternatives in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance. We are requesting your review and concurrence on our proposed process, to make sure it meets the threshold of what would be acceptable in a future NEPA process.

### **Range of Alternatives Development**

The interdisciplinary project team met via WebEx on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> to conduct a “Virtual Charrette” in which possible transportation solution alternatives were developed for the Egan-Yandukin intersection (meeting agendas and notes are located [here](#)). The source of the possible design solutions included those suggested by members of the public, those considered in the previous October 2018 Traffic Analysis and Alternative Concepts Report and some suggested by

members of the project team (see this summary [document](#)). The resulting Range of Alternatives were documented in a [matrix](#) that includes a general description of the alternative design elements, category of improvement, and a preliminary assessment of whether it meets [the](#) purpose and need (P&N) elements. As a pre-screening stem, the transportation solutions that were deemed not feasible were also noted; the technical, legal or logistical criteria were noted as reasons for infeasibility.

Moving forward, we plan to document the range of alternatives development process in a draft white paper that includes general descriptions of each alternative, conceptual sketches of the alternatives, a summary of the development process, the no build alternative, and a description of the transportation solutions that were not carried forward and a reasoning why certain solutions are not feasible. This information will be shared at the next Community Focus Group, Agency Workgroup and Open House (Stakeholder Group meetings). Stakeholders will be encouraged to provide feedback and alternatives may be added to be included in the final range of alternatives that will be carried into the screening process. This draft white paper will then be finalized to reflect input received.

### **Alternatives Screening and Evaluation**

A two-level alternatives evaluation process is planned for this PEL Study. Level 1 screening will evaluate how well each alternative meets the P&N elements, project goals, and selected qualitative measures. Level 2 will rely on more detailed quantitative and qualitative measures to evaluate and rank alternatives compared to each other.

Level 1 screening measures were developed during a team meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> ([notes](#)) and April 22<sup>nd</sup> ([notes](#)) and are documented in a [matrix](#). Level 1 screening measures will be presented at the next Stakeholder Group meetings; stakeholders will be encouraged to provide feedback and the measures can be modified based on this feedback. The results of the Level 1 screening process will be documented in a white paper, and a draft will be presented at the following Stakeholder Group meetings (including with state and federal resource agencies and the Tribes) for comment. The reasoning for not carrying certain alternatives forward into Level 2 screening will also be documented in the white paper.

Level 2 screening measures will be developed to better differentiate alternatives from each other based on vehicular traffic operational analysis, bike and pedestrian accommodations, environmental impacts and mitigation considerations, concept level design considerations, and other relevant measures, including those recommended by the Stakeholder Groups. These screening measures will be quantified if possible. The results of the Level 2 screening process will be documented in a white paper, and a draft will be presented at the final Stakeholder Group meetings for comment, including recommended alternatives. The results will be documented in the resulting PEL Study and accompanying PEL Questionnaire, both of which will be available for SEO review and comment at a future Coordination Point.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more details.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 4 – Level 1 Screening Results

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**Subject:** RE: SEO Coordination Point: Level 1 Screening Results & Updated SEO Coordination Schedule- Egan Yandukin Intersection Improvements PEL - SFHWY00079  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:53:59 AM

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Hello Taylor,

Thank you for providing SEO the opportunity to review the Level 1 Screening Results for the Egan Yandukin Intersection Study project (SFHWY00079). This email serves as SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #4 for Level 1 (Alternatives Screening Results).

The SEO does not have any comments on the Level 1 Screening Results White Paper or the Participation Summary.

As you begin to draft your PEL Study, we recommend including clear documentation of why each alternative was not recommended for future consideration. We also recommend including in the PEL Study an outline of how the alternatives were developed in Level 1 and how they were modified in Level 2 (e.g., elements added to alternatives to meet the Purpose and Need, and element elimination due to infeasibility).

This will assist the future design team during any subsequent NEPA analysis which references the PEL Study and to determine if conditions or data have changed.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review. Please keep us updated on developments.

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**Subject:** SEO Coordination Point: Level 1 Screening Results & Updated SEO Coordination Schedule- Egan Yandukin Intersection Improvements PEL - SFHWY00079

Hello Emily,

For SEO review, [here](#) is the Draft Level 1 Screening Results white paper for the Egan Yandukin Intersection Improvements PEL project -SFHWY00079. No changes are proposed as a result of the public outreach activities that occurred in October and November, which are summarized in this [Participation Summary](#) report (attachments are in [this folder](#)).

I have also attached the SEO Coordination Schedule, updated based on the current project schedule.

We appreciate your continued engagement in this project. Please let me know if I can answer any questions you may have regarding these materials or the project in general.

Happy holidays! Enjoy your time off.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 4a – Level 2 Screening Results



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**Subject:** RE: SEO Coordination Point: Level 2 Screening Results - SFHWY00079 Egan Yandukin PEL  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 7:04:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [SEO transmittal PEL Concurrence 4 Level1 1.13.2021.pdf](#)

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Hi Taylor,

Thank you for providing the updated documents for our review for this step of the Egan Yandukin Intersection Study project (SFHWY00079). During Concurrence Point #3 (Planned Alternatives Development and Evaluation Process), the Level 2 Screening results were planned to be presented at the final stakeholder group meetings for comments, including the recommended alternatives. The Agency Group and Community Focus Group meetings have been held and comments received. It is our understanding that a full public meeting is not proposed at this time and, instead, all stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the final PEL Study report which will include the Level 2 Screening results.

This email serves as the second SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #4 (Alternatives Screening Results) to capture the Level 2 screening process. The first SEO concurrence for PEL Coordination Point #4 was completed on January 13, 2021 for the Level 1 screening process (attached).

As you finalize your draft PEL Study report, we recommend including clear documentation of why each alternative was not recommended for future consideration. Additionally, we recommend including any potential outreach considerations to assist in future NEPA (documentation or project).

Let me know if you would like to discuss this or if I have not accurately outlined anything.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** SEO Coordination Point: Level 2 Screening Results - SFHWY00079 Egan Yandukin PEL

Hello Emily,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Level 2 Screening Results White Paper and the Draft Environmental Overview document. Here are the revised documents for SEO review and concurrence:

[Draft Level 2 Screening Results White Paper Responses to SEO Comments Responses to DOT&PF team comments](#)

[Draft Environmental Overview Responses to SEO Comments Responses to DOT&PF team comments](#)

These documents, along with each of the white papers and memos associated with the project, will be finalized and appended to the PEL Study Final Report. A copy of the draft PEL Study Final Report will be provided to SEO for review and concurrence. We anticipate this to occur in March 2021.

Thank you for your continued active participation in and support of this PEL study process.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Review Task assignments RE: Preliminary Draft: Environmental Overview Memo - SFHWY00079 Egan Yandukin PEL

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Hi Jim,

During review, many of our comments applied to all of the documents and were more general than specific text comments. Instead of adding them directly to the document, we compiled them into a table (attached).

Let me know if this is an issue and I can go ahead and add them into the applicable document sections.

Thank you, and thanks again for including SEO in last week's project meeting.

Emily

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**Subject:** RE: Review Task assignments RE: Preliminary Draft: Environmental Overview Memo - SFHWY00079 Egan Yandukin PEL

Hi Jim,

Thanks for the follow-up information. SEO will review the draft Level 2 screening results white paper, and the environmental overview document with comments added into the .docx or .pdf files before November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I thought the pre-review meeting was very helpful in outlining upcoming review tasks!

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**Importance:** High

Environmental Document review task assignments (also due on 11/23 by COB):

In order to help focus your review effort and save you some time if I can, here are the areas of this attached document that correspond to your areas of expertise:

**Christy Gentemann:** Entire document

**Jill Taylor:** Entire document

**Emily Haynes:** Entire document

**Marie Heidemann:** Socioeconomic, Transportation, Land Use, Economic and Right of Way

**Michael Horntvedt:** Socioeconomic, Transportation, Land Use, Economic and Right of Way, Cumulative Impacts

Note: Although I have attached the PDF of the preliminary draft of the Environmental Overview Memo, the Word document with maps and appendices are [uploaded here on Teams](#). It was too large to attach to an email.

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# SEO Concurrence on PEL Coordination Point 5 – PEL Study Approval

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**Subject:** RE: SEO Concurrence: Draft Final PEL Study Report Review - Egan Yandukin PEL SFHWY00079

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Hi Taylor,

Thank you for providing the PEL Study Report for the Egan Drive and Yandukin Drive Intersection Improvements (SFHWY00079) for our review. SEO provided comments on the draft in April 2021 and feel those comments, and others made by the rest of the project team, have been sufficiently addressed. The SEO does not have any additional comments and, therefore, this email serves as concurrence for the PEL Coordination Point #5 (Draft PEL Study).

Specifically, we are providing concurrence the:

- Public and agency involvement is adequately documented.
- Ten conditions identified in 23 U.S.C. 168 have been followed\*.
- Planning products and analyses are adequate for incorporation into future NEPA.
- Impacts and mitigation are appropriately documented.
- Basic description of the environmental setting is adequate.
- Implementation plan contains reasonable steps for the project to move forward into the NEPA process.
- Planning products are documented in such a form as to be easily identifiable and available for review during the NEPA scoping process and can be appended to or referenced into a NEPA document.

\*Not all ten conditions can be met at this time and, to confirm they have been followed, will require additional coordination once a project is programmed and is moving into NEPA.

Previous coordination points provided concurrence on the Reason for the PEL, Purpose and Need, Planned Alternatives Development and Evaluation Process, and the Alternative Screening Results.

The PEL Study and the PEL Questionnaire (Appendix A) provide a good summary of the work completed in the PEL Study, information and outreach efforts that will be needed once the project is funded, and potential mitigation measures to consider once the project enters into the NEPA process. The thorough record of these efforts will be especially important once a project is

programmed. Once that occurs, it will be necessary for SEO and the project team to meet to determine the scope of the NEPA analysis including the extent to which this PEL Study can be used to supplement or replace certain milestones in the NEPA process.

Finally, we want to thank the project team for inviting us to be a member and involving SEO throughout the development of this PEL Study.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** SEO Concurrence: Draft Final PEL Study Report Review - Egan Yandukin PEL SFHWY00079

Hello Emily,

I am pleased to request SEO's review of and concurrence on the Draft Final PEL Study Report for the Egan-Yandukin Intersection Improvements PEL, per page 13 of the PEL Guidebook. The document and appendices are located in [this folder in Teams](#).

Thank you for your invaluable assistance and participation during this PEL Study process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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