



# DUWAMISH TRIBE

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4/11/2024

City of Tukwila, WSDOT  
LSTPUL-1037(004)

Dear Trent deBoer and Adam Cox,

Thank you for the opportunity to amend our comments on the 42nd Ave S Bridge Replacement Project to replace the 42nd Ave S bridge located at 12424 42nd Ave S in Tukwila. As previously mentioned in our comments on 3/8/2024, this is an area that the Duwamish Tribe considers culturally significant and has a High probability to have unknown archaeological deposits. We note that there are at least 6 historical and ancestral Duwamish place names within about a mile of the project location as well as in close proximity to the Allentown Shell Midden, a known archaeological site. The DAHP WISAARD predictive model indicates that an archaeological survey is highly advised with a very high risk for encountering cultural resources. The location is also in an area where the Duwamish, other tribes and other peoples continue to fish along the Duwamish River.

If the precontact archaeological site is to be disturbed as a result of the bridge replacement, the Duwamish Tribe agrees with CRC's recommendation of a data recovery excavation to delineate further the archaeological site and to mitigate adverse effects to the site. If additional precontact cultural resources are excavated during data recovery, the Duwamish Tribe formally requests to house found precontact artifacts within our collection at the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. **However, we would prefer that the Allentown Shell Midden site not be disturbed.**

In addition the Tribe recommends that construction of the replacement bridge avoid disturbance of access to fishing during the salmon runs in late summer through early fall. The Duwamish Tribe also agrees with CRC's recommendation that archaeological monitoring and an IDP (inadvertent discovery plan) be enacted during ground breaking activities outside of the archaeological site.

Lastly, we reiterate our request that if any archaeological work or monitoring is performed, we would like notification and the opportunity to be present if or when an archaeologist is on site.

The Duwamish Tribe hopes the 42nd Ave South replacement bridge is successful for the City of Tukwila and provides the public with a safe passage across the Duwamish River with access to the Green River Trail.

Thank you,

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