

United States Senate

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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: King County and the City of Kirkland's joint BUILD (DTOS59-18-RA-BUILD1) application

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to support King County and the City of Kirkland's joint application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for their Bridges Supporting Mobility and Connectivity through Three East King County Interchanges (Bridges) Project. If funded, this project will address significant infrastructure demands in the region and help stimulate additional economic growth.

The Bridges Project would construct three bridges at major interchanges along the 42-mile former railway turned non-motorized transportation corridor known as the Cross Kirkland Corridor. With plans for construction at Totem Lake in the City of Kirkland and at Northeast 8th Street and Southeast 8th Street in Bellevue, these bridges will eliminate hazards to safety and efficiency for motorized and non-motorized traffic alike. Building on the multi-million-dollar public-private investments already made, these improvements to this active transportation facility will help further connect thousands of people to community destinations, services, and economic centers, including large employers such as Google, Microsoft, Boeing, T-Mobile, and Kaiser Permanente.

This project will improve safety and quality of life for those in the region, and meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County and the City of Kirkland and thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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