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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NUMBER: 20.934

I write in support of the City of Fife's application for the FastLane grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

If awarded this grant, it is my understanding that the project will provide road, intersection, and interchange improvements of great value to the Port of Tacoma, the surrounding industrial area, and businesses in both Tacoma and Fife. The project is a multi-phased plan to improve the Port of Tacoma Road/Interstate 5 interchange, Pacific Highway East and the Port of Tacoma Road.

I understand that the interchange reconstruction will improve the level of service for trucks traveling to and from the Port, and the decreased truck-idle times would reduce air emissions in a region of Washington State currently out of compliance with Federal air quality standards. Because these improvements are so vital, the Port of Tacoma is contributing $1.5 million towards the project.

Thank you for your attention to this grant request. I urge you to give their application full and fair consideration, following all applicable rules and regulations. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Shakisha Ross, Grants Coordinator, at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith
Member of Congress

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