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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Washington State Department of Transportation is pleased to support the City of Fife's FASTLANE grant application for the I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange project.

The proposed project would provide road, intersection, and interchange improvements for the Port, surrounding industrial area, and businesses in the Cities of Tacoma and Fife. The project would provide improvements to the Port of Tacoma/I-5 interchange, Pacific Highway East and the Port of Tacoma Road.

The interchange serves as a primary truck route between I-5 and the Port, and is a critical regional and national cargo gateway, the third largest gateway in North America for containerized cargo. The project would improve the level of service for trucks traveling to and from the Port, and the decreased truck-idle times will reduce emissions.

I hope you will give this project serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Millar'.

Roger Millar, PE, AICP
Acting Secretary of Transportation