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

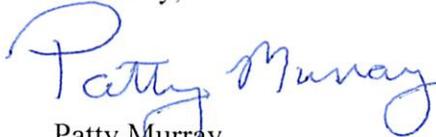
Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Port of Tacoma to the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) V* program for the Interstate-5 Interchange Improvement project.

The Port of Tacoma proposes to use TIGER funds to reconfigure an existing Interstate-5 interchange and related surface road to more effectively connect the interchange to the City of Fife, Washington and the Port of Tacoma. The project will increase interchange lane capacity to reduce travel time and delays for regional commuters and freight transportation. The reconstructed interchange will also reduce conflict points, while providing simpler signal phasing to reduce accident rates.

I applaud the Port of Tacoma's efforts to enhance portions of Interstate-5 to meet the needs of regional commuters while improving freight transportation access to the Port of Tacoma. I thank you for your consideration of this application. Please contact Jordan Smith in my Seattle office at (206) 553-5545 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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