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**GOVERNOR APPOINTS FIFE DEPUTY MAYOR TO FMSIB**

*Pat Hulcey will serve on Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board*

**Fife, WA** – Governor Jay Inslee has appointed Fife Deputy Mayor Pat Hulcey to a second term on the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB). Deputy Mayor Hulcey will serve a four year effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. In speaking of his appointment Deputy Mayor Hulcey stated, “It is truly a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of the State of Washington.”

Deputy Mayor Hulcey has worked consistently with freight and transportation issues impacting Fife, the region and the state. Because of Fife's geographic location and its relationship to the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle, major UPRR and BNRR railways and major surface transportation routes such as I-5, I-90 and SR-167, this is an important appointment for the City of Fife and the region. Fife City Manager Subir Mukerjee said the appointment is a huge win for Fife and Pierce County. “Pat will serve the state well and we hope that with his voice, we can literally connect Pierce County to the rest of the state and increase our economic vitality,” Mukerjee said.

The Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board was created in 1998 by the Washington State Legislature and is accountable for creating a comprehensive and coordinated State program to facilitate freight movement between and among local, national and international markets which enhances trade opportunities. The Board is also charged with finding solutions that lessen the impact of the movement of freight on local communities.

The FMSIB Board proposes policies, projects, corridors and funding to the Legislature to promote strategic investments in a Statewide freight mobility transportation system. They also propose projects that address the impact of freight movement on local communities. Within the last decade, the board has awarded \$200 million to projects throughout the state which, in turn helped to create \$1 billion in grant awards and matching funds for the completion of 53 projects statewide. Currently there are 30 active projects statewide with FMSIB awarding \$94 million which has helped to leverage \$514 million for the projects to date.

The Board is appointed by the Governor, committee membership consists of the Secretary of Transportation and a member of the public who sits as the Chairperson; representatives from two cities, two counties, the State Office of Financial Management, two port districts, the railroad industry, the marine sector and the trucking industry.

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