

September 9, 2009

The Honorable Kurt Triplett
King County Executive
King County Chinook Building
401 5th Ave, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Federal Funding to Replace the South Park Bridge

Dear Executive Triplett,

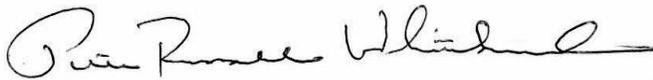
The Freight Mobility Advisory Committee is a group of business and agency freight professionals who gather periodically to advise the Seattle Department of Transportation and other local agencies. We have been briefed on the status of the South Park Bridge on more than one occasion.

We are writing this letter to express our strong support for King County's efforts to fund the replacement of the South Park Bridge. We are supportive of the County's application to the national economic stimulus call for projects by the TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant Program.

The South Park Bridge serves a vital role in the freight mobility network of the region. Both the private operators in our group and the public agency members have repeatedly expressed concern about the need to maintain this vital crossing of the Duwamish River, located in the heart of the industrial center of Seattle and Tukwila. Replacement of the South Park Bridge has been a priority project for the freight mobility community for too long.

Thank you for your leadership toward keeping the South Park Bridge open, and for providing a safe crossing of the Duwamish River.

Sincerely,



Peter Whitehead
Chair, Seattle Freight Mobility Advisory Committee

Peter Whitehead,
Nelson Trucking
Co-Chair

Vacant,
Co-Chair

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Ed Shilley,
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and other agencies on
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freight mobility and
safety in Seattle.