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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

BNSF Railway supports the efforts of the City of Seattle to secure funding from the 2016 FASTLANE grant program for the South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project, a priority project of the City of Seattle, the Port of Seattle, and the Greater Duwamish Manufacturing Industrial Center.

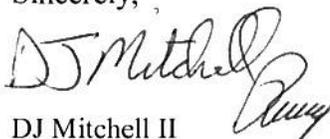
The proposed grade separation project would construct an overpass eliminating an at-grade crossing at South Lander Street on BNSF's Seattle Subdivision, a primary north/south rail route for freight and passenger rail traffic, on the Great Northern Corridor.

The South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project would eliminate the train-vehicle conflicts from a busy three mainline track at-grade crossing that experiences high volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This project would improve the mobility of tens of thousands of people and would directly benefit the freight access to port and manufacturing facilities critical to the local and national economy.

BNSF is prepared to make the required financial contribution towards appropriate grade separation costs to eliminate the at-grade crossing as defined in 23CFR 646.210 once appropriate approvals have been secured and necessary agreements executed.

BNSF is prepared to proceed pending satisfactory review of funding requirements, final engineering, operating impacts, financial impacts, and negotiation of definitive agreements.

Sincerely,

  
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