



April 11, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Seattle - South Lander Street Grade Separation FAST Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), an independent, not-for-profit shipping association representing marine terminal operators and shipping lines that serve the West Coast of the United States. I am writing to express PMSA's support for the City of Seattle - South Lander Street Grade Separation Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Grant Application.

For nearly 20 years, this project has been prioritized in every study of freight access in the Duwamish, including the 1998 and subsequently updated Freight Action Strategy (FAST Corridor), the joint Port of Seattle/City of Seattle Industrial Areas Freight Access Program, the WSDOT State Freight Plan, and the City of Seattle Freight Master Plan.

Building the S. Lander Street overpass is important for Seattle's maritime economy because it is a vital route for freight and general travel in the largest manufacturing industrial center in the Pacific Northwest. It is important to improve the reliability for travel to Interstates 5 and 90 and other key national freight corridors. It provides direct connections to Port of Seattle facilities and freight operational support centers.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Seattle's request for a \$55M FAST Grant. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at (206) 441-0182 or jroyer@pmsaship.com.

Sincerely,



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