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Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
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RE: City of Seattle - South Lander Street Grade Separation FAST Grant Application

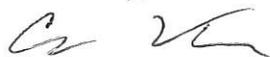
Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, I am writing to express our support for the City of Seattle's FAST grant submittal to construct a grade-separated crossing for South Lander Street, which will improve goods movement and reduce pollution.

South Lander Street is a vital corridor for freight traffic moving into and out of the Port of Seattle and is located within a major manufacturing industrial center. Unfortunately, South Lander Street is currently bisected by a busy rail crossing that sees approximately 100 train crossings daily. The frequent rail traffic across South Lander results in road closures averaging 4.5 hours per day, during which traffic, including diesel-fueled freight-hauling trucks, sits idling. As a result, the movement of goods is delayed and the adjacent communities are exposed to increased levels of harmful pollutants. A grade-separated crossing will significantly and immediately reduce emissions of toxic diesel particulate, to the benefit of the surrounding community and near-shore habitat, and will also reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is the regional air quality planning and management agency for the Central Puget Sound area, including King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. We work to protect public health, improve neighborhood air quality and reduce greenhouse gases throughout our region. The City of Seattle's South Lander Street Grade Separation project supports the Agency's strategic objectives to reduce diesel emission from maritime activities and to reduce greenhouse gases from transportation sources. We strongly support the City of Seattle's grant request and urge the US Department of Transportation to fund this project.

Sincerely,



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