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March 27, 2016

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

Subject: Support Grant funding for the South Lander Street Grade Separation Project

As members of the Great Northern Corridor Coalition, we support the City of Seattle's efforts to secure federal funding from USDOT for the South Lander Street Grade Separation Project. This Project is located on the Great Northern Corridor.

The Great Northern Corridor Coalition is a multi-state coalition comprised of eight states, ports, BNSF Railway, and other interested stakeholders along the Corridor. With the assistance of two FHWA Multimodal Corridor Operations and Management grants and Coalition member contributions, the states of [Oregon](#), [Washington](#), [Idaho](#), [Montana](#), [North Dakota](#), [Minnesota](#), [Wisconsin](#), and [Illinois](#), along with ports and BNSF Railway, have been collaborating for several years to promote regional cooperation, planning, and shared project implementation along the Great Northern Corridor.

The Great Northern Corridor is [an east-west artery of commerce](#) that is a vital link in the nation's supply chain for energy products, raw materials and finished goods that support major U.S. industries and consumer [markets for more than 38 million Americans](#). The unifying thread and primary focus of this Corridor is the rail network stretching from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest, and logistics infrastructure such as highways, ports, and terminals.

The South Lander Street Grade Separation Project would add vital transportation mobility to our region. This project supports the Coalition's vision for "a globally competitive, multistate freight corridor consisting of a seamless road and rail network that promotes economic growth for neighboring communities and accommodates the demand for safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation services."

We thank you for your consideration of the South Lander Street Grade Separation Project for funding from the FASTLANE grant program.

Sincerely,

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