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Ms. Lana Hurdle  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Budget and Programs Policy  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Mr. Joel Szabat  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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RE: **DOT-OST-2009-0115; Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants  
Tulalip Tribes Interchange 116<sup>th</sup> NE Improvement Project**

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

On behalf of the City of Marysville, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Tulalip Tribes 116th NE Interchange Improvement Project TIGER Discretionary Grant application. As the Tulalip Tribes closest Snohomish County neighbor, the City of Marysville greatly benefits from the Tulalip Tribes being awarded the 54 million from the TIGER Discretionary Grant funding. This interchange serves both of our communities and will empower our collective economic future.

The Tulalip Tribes have demonstrated great leadership by applying for this grant. A case in point; they also completed an interchange Access Point Decision Report in order to ease traffic congestion in northern Snohomish County. Not only will this project benefit the commercial developments recently constructed and planned for North Snohomish County, but we recognize the improved interchange to be instrumental in our plans to provide economic development opportunities within the city limits and urban growth areas.

This regional project does exactly what the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was created for. It will provide and preserve jobs while promoting economic recovery. It's a long term investment in needed transportation infrastructure that will assist in reviving the state economy on the international west coast Interstate-5 Highway corridor. I believe this commitment strengthens the partnership we have been developing to provide an improved and efficient "ridge to ridge" transportation network within the greater Snohomish County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dennis L. Kendall'.

Dennis L. Kendall

Mayor