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Ms. Lana Hurdle, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
Mr. Joel Szabat, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: DOT-OST-2009-0115; Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic
Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants
Tulalip Tribes Interchange 116th NE Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

On behalf Snohomish County, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Tulalip Tribes application for a Transportation Investment Generating (TIGER) Discretionary Grant to construct the 116th NE Interchange Improvement Project.

The 116th NE Interchange Improvement Project will benefit not just Snohomish County, but the entire North Puget Sound region by reducing increased traffic congestion on the Interstate-5 corridor near Marysville.

In addition to a reduction in traffic congestion, this project will benefit recently constructed commercial developments in North Snohomish County, those planned for the future, and will be instrumental in The Tulalip Tribes' plans to provide increased opportunities for economic development along I-5.

The Tulalip Tribes have been a key partner with Snohomish County in its efforts to reduce traffic congestion and to diversify the county's economy, creating long-term stability in the region. Their leadership on this important regional project is to be commended.

This project will create and preserve jobs while promoting our economic recovery. An important long-term investment in our transportation infrastructure, I am pleased to support this project.

Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon
Snohomish County Executive