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Mr. Kirk Holmes
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Dear Mr. Holmes:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) would like to convey our support to Kittitas County in their Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) grant request of \$15.4 million to continue the design and right-of-way acquisition and construction for an unfunded portion of the important I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project.

WSDOT understands, if successful, Kittitas County will contract with the department to perform all the design and property acquisition tasks outlined in the application and we commit to providing the engineering resources to perform this work. WSDOT, with authorization from the legislature, will also commit to providing a 20 percent match of \$3.08 million for the TIGER II grant request. The department will submit this request through our formal 11-13 biennium budget process for Governor and Legislative concurrence.

We have reviewed the timelines and milestones in your application and are confident we will be able to meet them. Our record of project delivery is very strong. The WSDOT has completed or is underway with over \$150 million in transportation improvements in this corridor so far, with an additional \$245 million planned to start next year.

We look forward to the U.S. DOT's decision in the fall.

Sincerely,



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