



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

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Secretary Raymond L. LaHood  
TIGER Discretionary Grants  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 11, 2010

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Yakama Nation, I am pleased to support Kittitas County's application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery II (TIGER II) Grant for the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project (I-90 Project) in Washington State.

Interstate 90 is the main east-west transportation corridor across Washington State, however it's feature causes a tremendous impact on hydrologic function and migration of terrestrial wildlife. The Yakama Nation has a strong interest in the hydrology and biology of the Upper Yakima Watershed that I-90 bisects. We have spent resources to restore the ecological function in many places within the watershed, and recognize that improvements to I-90 stemming from this project are significant. Implementation will restore the permeability of the interstate to both waterways and wildlife. We support moving this project forward.

I have great interest in the I-90 Project. I fully support Kittitas County in their efforts to secure TIGER II grant funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

  
Harry Smiskin,  
Tribal Council Chair