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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

BNSF Railway supports the City of Wenatchee efforts to obtain funding from the INFRA 2017 funding program for the Apple Capital Loop Beltway (Confluence Parkway) project. The City of Wenatchee is located on BNSF's Columbia River and Scenic Subdivisions in central Washington on the Great Northern Corridor.

Included in the multiple components of the project, are two underpass projects at McKittrick and Miller Streets eliminating at-grade crossings and train-vehicle conflicts improving vehicular mobility for the region. This project will serve the north end of the waterfront corridor in Wenatchee and the redevelopment of industrial properties damaged in the 2015 Sleepy Hollow Fires.

BNSF is prepared to make the required financial contribution towards appropriate grade separation costs to eliminate the at-grade crossings as defined in 23CFR 646.210 once appropriate approvals have been secured and necessary agreements executed.

BNSF looks forward to continuing collaboration with the City of Wenatchee and is prepared to move forward on this project pending satisfactory review of final engineering, operational and financial impacts and execution of definitive agreements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Rasmussen".

Craig Rasmussen
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