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Secretary Elaine L. Chao Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA Grant

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of the City of Wenatchee's application for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA grant. We support and believe this grant, if provided, will significantly advance our regional economic opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley in Washington State. We are a local governmental agency and partner within Douglas County that serves a population of approximately 34,000 residents. There has been a positive response from the community and local business within the Wenatchee Valley with the thought and opportunity of working together for the betterment of our area.

The Wenatchee Valley is a unique rural area considered a key transportation hub. The INFRA grant, if provided, will improve our regional connectivity by promoting safety, allowing better delivery of agricultural and production-based products, and opening economic opportunities for continued growth on a much larger scale. The Apple Capital Loop project not only benefits the local area but touches a much larger population with the products produced here in our valley.

On behalf of the East Wenatchee Water District and its elected officials, thank you for your consideration of City of Wenatchee's Apple Capital Loop INFRA Grant application.

Thank you,

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Wince Johnston

General Manager

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