



**GREAT
NORTHERN**

CORRIDOR COALITION

The Mission of the Great Northern Corridor Coalition is to:

"Promote a premier multi-state corridor by acting collectively to promote public policy, research, and multimodal infrastructure development that expands commerce and enhances safety on the corridor".

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

Wisconsin DOT

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Subject: City of Wenatchee, WA – Apple Capital Loop Project INFRA
Grant Program Application

Federal Highways
Administration

Dear Secretary Chao,

BNSF Railway

The Northwest
Seaport Alliance

Port of Everett

Port of Seattle

Port of Tacoma

Port of Grays Harbor

Port of Vancouver,
USA

Port of Portland, OR

Port of Pasco

Port of Quincy

WA Public Ports
Association

Port of Northern
Montana

City of Spokane
Valley

City of Connell

City of Wenatchee

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Great Northern Corridor Coalition's support of the City of Wenatchee, Washington's efforts to secure federal funding for the above referenced INFRA grant application that constructs roadway capacity and mobility improvements, pedestrian rail grade separations and removes at-grade rail crossings in the Wenatchee Metropolitan Area.

The Great Northern Corridor Coalition is a Multi-State, Multimodal Coalition which represents 8 States, 162 Counties and over 38 Million Americans. With the assistance of two FHWA Multi-State Corridor Operations and Management grants and our member contributions, we have been collaborating for several years to promote regional cooperation around Safety, Mobility, Economic Development and Project Prioritization and Support across the Great Northern Corridor.

Our collaboration with Coalition Members has helped to create a collective identification and prioritization of corridor enhancing projects that contribute to the seamless movement of freight and people across our great country. We are indeed a linked system!

The Wenatchee Apple Capital Loop Project supports regional economic vitality by improving freight and passenger mobility, reducing the potential for critical rail crossing exposures and leverages Federal Funding through an exemplary public private partnership.

The Great Northern Corridor is an east-west artery for commerce that is a vital link in the nation's supply chain for agriculture, energy

products, raw materials and finished goods that support major U.S. Industries and consumer markets in our 8 states and provides a vital link for global trade. The underlying thread and primary focus of the Great Northern Corridor is the railroad and roadway infrastructure networks that connects the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest, and the Wenatchee Apple Capital Loop Project certainly plays an important role as a first mile and last mile connector for the Corridor.

The Wenatchee Apple Capital Loop Project would add vital transportation mobility to our region and to the Great Northern Corridor. This project supports the Coalition's vision for "a globally competitive, multi-state freight corridor consisting of a seamless road and rail network that promotes economic growth for neighboring communities and accommodates the demand for safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation services."

We thank you for the opportunity to support this important project and urge your consideration for the Wenatchee Apple Capital Loop Project funding from the INFRA grant program.

Sincerely,



Curtis E. Shuck, Jr.

Executive Director

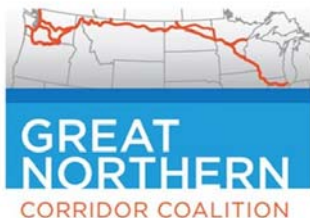
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CC: Mayor Frank Kuntz, City of Wenatchee, Washington