



WASTE MANAGEMENT

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February 27, 2019

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 am writing to urge your support for the City of Wenatchee's application for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA grant.

By way of introduction, Waste Management is the largest recycler and a leading provider of environmental services in the Pacific Northwest and North America.

For communities in North Central Washington, Waste Management is a strong local employer, an environmental leader and an engaged community partner. We serve communities across the region as we collect recycling, yard waste and garbage, and provide public education about recycling. The company also operates three transfer stations and a regional landfill that has earned prestigious certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council for enhancing biodiversity.

With respect to the Apple Capital Loop project, Waste Management brings unique credentials to the discussion in the form of our world-class safety programs and our transportation logistics expertise. The Apple Capital Loop project will improve safety, mobility, system reliability, freight movement and congestion relief for the citizens and businesses of Central Washington. It will re-connect our downtown area with the former industrial waterfront in a safe and effective manner by eliminating dangerous rail crossings that impede economic growth. Other components will improve the efficiency and reliability of our innovative LINK transit system and open developable properties that have potential to bring more than \$500 million in reinvestment in our region.

With these factors in mind, we respectfully ask for your support for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tami Yager'.

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cc: Mayor Frank Kuntz, Wenatchee City Council