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

RE: Support for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA grant

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the Chief of Police, on the behalf of the Wenatchee Police Department, and the community we serve, I urge support for the City of Wenatchee's application for the Apple Capital Loop INFRA grant.

The City of Wenatchee is one of the largest cities in North Central Washington and is located at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers. The Greater Wenatchee Valley has some significant geographic barriers that hinder law enforcement patrol and emergency response times. All five projects contained in the grant application will improve travel for the general public, transportation of goods and services, and will reduce emergency response times during critical incidents.

Perhaps the most vital improvement in the list of projects with regard to emergency response times is the creation of an additional bridge on the north end of Wenatchee. At times, traffic can come to a near standstill for motorists at the existing bridge that spans the Wenatchee River, where North Wenatchee Avenue turns into State Route 285. The construction of a new bridge and improvements to the existing arterials will significantly reduce emergency response times for law enforcement and other first responders when seconds count!

The approval of the Apple Capital Loop grant will have a tremendous impact on the vitality of the region, while at the same time improve public safety for Greater Wenatchee Valley. Thank you for your consideration of this important application.

Sincerely,

Steve Crown
Chief of Police