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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Washington State Department of Transportation is pleased to support the City of Wenatchee's 2021 INFRA grant application for the Apple Capital Loop project.

The proposed project addresses mobility and safety issues on the State Route (SR) 285 and SR 28 loop, which is a critical corridor for sustaining the economy in Wenatchee and managing future development identified in the city's growth management plans. Additionally, the project would keep freight corridors functional and reliable, and would mitigate the impact of mainline rail freight passing through the region, consistent with the state's freight mobility plan.

WSDOT is committed to supporting the City of Wenatchee with the delivery of this project. Our Local Programs office will continue to provide assistance and review of administrative documentation for this project. The Local Programs Environmental office will provide oversight for the National Environmental Policy Act process and for associated cultural resources documentation, while the Local Programs Right of Way office will provide assistance in developing and approving the Right of Way Plans for the Apple Capital Loop project.

In further support of the City of Wenatchee's proposal, our Construction Office will provide Design/Build training and technical support to minimize risks and support successful project delivery.

Thank you in advance for giving this project your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Millar'.

Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP  
Secretary of Transportation