

# United States Senate

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The Honorable K. Jane Williams  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

I am writing in support of an application submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Federal Transit Administration's *Passenger Ferry Grant Program* for a bicycle facility at the Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock in Seattle, Washington.

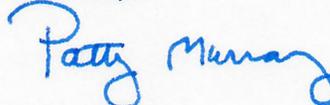
WSDOT Ferries Division is seeking a Passenger Ferry Grant to build a fully operational bicycle facility to serve bicyclists on the Seattle-Bainbridge Island ferry route. The facility would include a dedicated bicycle entrance, bicycle lane, and a separate covered holding area for bicycle riders. The bicycle facility is part of a larger project to upgrade and modernize Colman Dock and the Seattle Terminal. It would improve operational efficiencies, reduce ferry dwell times, and enhance safety for bicycle commuters.

In 2016, approximately 254,000 bicyclists used the Seattle Terminal. WSDOT Ferries Division expects walk-on ridership, which includes bicyclists, to grow by 31 percent by 2030 at the Seattle Terminal. The new bicycle facility would streamline the ferry loading and unloading processes and reduce existing conflicts between bicycles, vehicles, and pedestrians.

As the largest ferry system in the nation, WSDOT Ferries Division is a core component of Puget Sound's regional transportation network. The Seattle Terminal served 9.2 million riders in 2016, including nearly 5 million walk-on passengers and bicyclists. WSDOT has secured \$350 million in state, local, and federal funding for the reconstruction of Colman Dock and the Seattle Terminal. The bicycle facility is an important piece of this larger project to ensure safe and efficient access for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles alike.

Thank you for your consideration of the Washington State Department of Transportation's application. Please contact Samara Ressler in my Washington, D.C. office at 202-224-2621 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
United States Senator