

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 28, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in support of the *Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts)* application submitted by Sound Transit for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Sound Transit established light rail from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to downtown Seattle in 2009. Since then ridership has nearly tripled, the initial light rail system has been expanded, and further extensions are essential to providing a reliable and sustainable public transportation system in the Puget Sound region, which has the fastest growing transit ridership in the United States. Currently, Sound Transit is working to bring light rail from Northgate in Seattle through the cities of Shoreline and Mountlake Terrace to the City of Lynnwood, thereby making a regional connection between King and Snohomish counties.

The Lynnwood Link Extension is an 8.5 mile fully grade separated, north-south light rail extension that generally follows I-5, and includes four new stations and one provisional future station. The project would also make improvements for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, and provide approximately 1,500 new parking spaces along the corridor. Once operational, residents in Lynnwood would have access to a reliable 28 minute trip to downtown Seattle. With congestion increasing by 128 percent on the I-5 corridor over the past five years, this project would take 99.8 million vehicle miles travelled off the corridor annually, saving all citizens traveling on I-5 time and money. Sound Transit expects to begin construction in early 2019 to ensure light rail service begins in 2024. This extension would serve up to 68,500 daily riders.

Sound Transit received approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to enter the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program project development phase for the Lynnwood Link Extension in December 2013, the project received a medium-high overall rating in November 2015 and again in November 2017, and FTA approved moving the project into the CIG engineering phase in February 2016.¹ Congress provided an initial \$100 million for this multi-year project in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-31),² and included additional funding for this project in the historic \$2.645 billion provided to the CIG program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141). Sound Transit submitted the application for a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Lynnwood Link Extension to FTA in

¹ Federal Transit Administration, [Lynnwood Link Extension Profile](#).

² Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-31), Division K – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, Page 33.

March 2018. In May 2018, Sound Transit submitted the application for the Lynnwood Link Extension TIFIA loan, as authorized under the Master Credit Agreement which was executed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) in 2016.

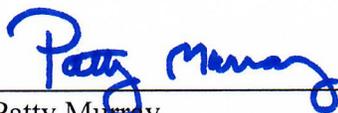
We are proud of Sound Transit's strong history of successfully completing CIG projects. Two previous Full Funding Grant Agreements, also for segments of the light rail system, were delivered under budget and ahead of schedule by Sound Transit. It is also important to note that Sound Transit and our constituents are doing their part by providing significant local investment for these projects. In total, 84 percent of Sound Transit's \$48 billion transit capital program is underpinned by three separate ballot initiatives in which Puget Sound residents committed local funding through local taxes, bonds, and fares. As a result, the federal share of the Lynnwood Link Extension is just 36 percent. We would argue this is exactly the type of local commitment the Administration is seeking.

For over a year at numerous committee hearings you have said DOT would follow the law, adhere to the will of Congress, and execute CIG grant agreements that have received federal funding. Congress has provided clear direction on the CIG program in the last two fiscal years, most recently directing DOT to "administer the capital investment grants program in accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 and move projects through the program from initial application to construction"³ in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. In May, FTA allocated a portion of the Fiscal Year 2018 CIG funding, leaving \$1.296 billion in funding for projects, like the Lynnwood Link Extension, that do not yet have a signed Full Funding Grant Agreement. We ask you to uphold your commitment to execute the CIG program and "publish additional FY 2018 Capital Investment Grants allocations in the future."⁴

By 2040, the Puget Sound region is expecting one million new residents and the number of jobs in Sound Transit's service area is expected to grow by 45 percent. The Lynnwood Link Extension is critical to keeping pace with this growth, increasing connectivity, and improving mobility for commuters, businesses, and families. We strongly urge you to keep the federal government's promise to our constituents, respect the will of Congress, and execute the Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Lynnwood Link Extension this fiscal year. Further, we ask you to include an allocation for the Lynnwood Link Extension from the \$1.296 billion in unallocated Fiscal Year 2018 CIG funding as Congress intended when passing the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator



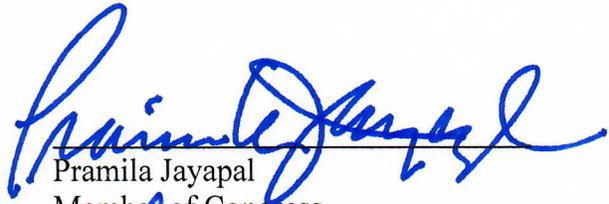
Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

³ Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141), Division L – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, Page 33.

⁴ FY 2018 Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Allocations, Federal Transit Administration.



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Member of Congress



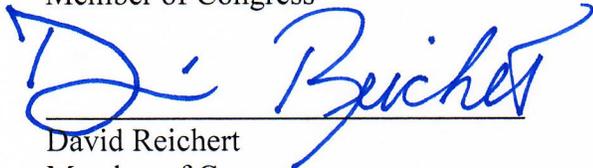
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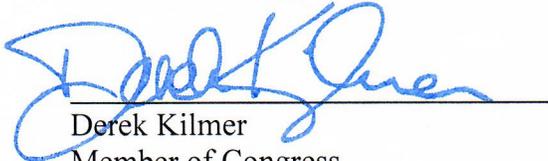
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cc: The Honorable K. Jane Williams, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration

Enclosures

- February 9, 2018 Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao from Puget Sound's largest employers;
- June 14, 2018 Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao from Members of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington State;
- June 18, 2018 Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao from Washington state and Puget Sound region transit leaders;
- June 19, 2018 Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao from Member of the Associated General Contractors of Washington; and
- June 27, 2018 Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao from Seattle/King County Building & Construction Trades Council.



February 9, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chao:

As leaders of many of the Puget Sound's largest employers, we write to ask your support for an ongoing partnership with the federal government on infrastructure that ensures our region continues to thrive and contribute significantly to the national economy.

The next federal partnership project for the Puget Sound region is the Lynnwood Link light rail extension connecting the cities of Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline and Seattle. Currently the regional transit authority, Sound Transit, is working with the Federal Transit Administration to secure a \$1.2 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to construct Lynnwood Link. As industry leaders, we urge you to continue working with Sound Transit to execute the grant in 2018 and enable the on-time completion of this critical project.

The Puget Sound region is one of the fastest growing in the U.S. and will be home to 5 million people and 1.2 million new jobs by 2040. The region helps fuel the national economic engine, making dramatic contributions in exports and innovation, manufacturing and agriculture.

Because of the national and international reach of many of our companies & institutions, Puget Sound businesses support jobs and industries across the U.S. Suppliers to our manufacturing firms, growers of

agricultural products, and partners of major technology and research companies all depend on their links to the Puget Sound.

Washington State is the largest U.S. exporter to China and is in the country's top five exporting states. Our ports also make up the fourth largest container complex in the U.S. In 2016, Washington State exports contributed \$2.21 trillion to our nation's goods and services. However, crushing congestion threatens our region and nation's continued economic momentum and our residents' quality of life. In the I-5 corridor, our principal north/south interstate, congestion has increased 153 percent in the last six years. And this has had a dramatic impact on our ability to move freight to and from our international seaports. Fortunately, our citizens are tackling these critical transportation challenges through the dedication of significant local taxes. Washington residents are maintaining and improving highways through the second highest gas tax in the nation, at 49.4 cents per gallon. In addition, three separate voter-approved initiatives are also building mass transit infrastructure recognizing that our highways and arterials alone cannot keep this economy moving. Once completed, our voter-approved transit network will literally take hundreds of thousands of cars off of I-5 and other critical arterials. There is no question that our transportation infrastructure, including our public transit infrastructure, directly serves a national purpose by ensuring businesses in this region can function at peak levels of efficiency and productivity.

Local revenues are providing 84 percent of the robust transit expansion now underway in the Puget Sound region, but the region envisions a continued federal participation for the balance. By leveraging local dollars and with a continuing federal partnership, together we can profoundly improve our regional mobility and the nation's economy. Our region has made good on past federal funding and financing by delivering major projects ahead of schedule and within budget.

By executing the Lynnwood Link FFGA this year we urge you to recognize the tremendous level of local investment by continuing the federal partnership that has kept this region a leading contributor to the national economy.

Thank you for your interest in the Puget Sound region and your commitment to transportation infrastructure. As always, we would welcome you to visit Central Puget Sound to see first-hand the innovative approaches we're taking to build transportation infrastructure and enhance mobility in our region.

Sincerely,



Diana Birkett Rakow
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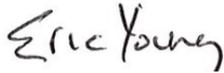
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Peter Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, Sound Transit

June 14, 2018

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Dear Secretary Chao:

We, the undersigned, are all members of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington State (ACEC-WA) and are also many of the consulting engineering firms which are making multimodal transportation a reality for the people and future generations of the Greater Puget Sound Region. We are writing you to urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program with Sound Transit for its Lynnwood Link light rail extension in the central Puget Sound.

This project is an indispensable component in the successful completion of Sound Transit's infrastructure expansion program. **However, for this project to move forward as planned, the Federal share, which will be supplementing the Local share, is a crucial and key element.** This is especially true this early in the full system buildout. Without this investment, there could well be a cascading, domino effect that will not only cause harm to the Lynnwood Link project, but also to subsequent projects as well.

At the same time, we and Sound Transit have demonstrated the expertise and track record to deliver this 8.5 mile light rail extension. **Notably, this public-private partnership has delivered 19 miles of light rail with FFGA funding under the guidance of FTA.** We urge you to continue this legacy and complete the CIG process for Lynnwood Link by executing the grant.

We are also ready, willing and able. As an industry and as an agency, we, together have the technical ability and capacity to deliver on the transit expansion funded and approved by the voters. **The citizens of Puget Sound have committed their hard-earned tax revenues to implement the system.** We, in private industry, are anxious to continue delivering these projects and Sound Transit is poised to lead the effort. The truth in this statement is demonstrably shown by the fact that Sound Transit's 116-mile light rail system expansion is well underway, with 22 miles of light rail in operation, 18 miles under construction, 22 miles in final design and 54 miles in early planning.

The agency has embraced the public / private project delivery model. With Lynnwood, the dollars spent on this \$3.2 billion project are generating economic benefits in this region and across the country through private sector contracts for planning, design, engineering, vehicles and construction. It certainly means a great deal to our firms and to the over 7,000 employees we, and the other ACEC-WA member firms, employ in Washington State. We hope the Administration will extend another federal partnership with the agency to complete this important infrastructure investment.

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We urge you to execute the CIG Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for Lynnwood Link this year. Should you wish to make any inquiries regarding this letter, our point of contact is Van Collins, President/CEO, ACEC of Washington, vcollins@acec-wa.org, (425) 453-6655: office, (253) 906-5158: cell.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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Van A. Collins



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Mel Sears, PE, PMP



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Ade Bright, PE, SE
President



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CEO and President



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Mike Clark, PE
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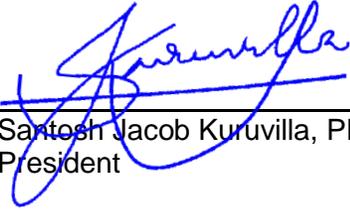
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Margaret Clancy, PWS
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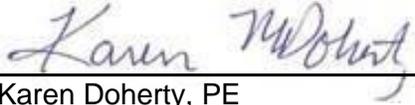



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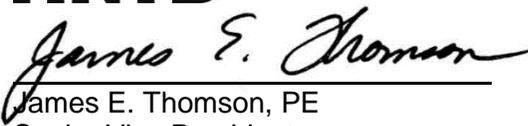



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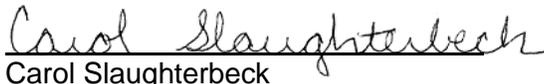



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Kristen A. Betty, PE
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Jay Bower, PE
Chief Executive Officer



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Stanton Phillip Beck
Shareholder



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Steve Lewis
Vice President



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Laurie J. Pfarr, PE, LEED AP, CESCL
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J. Andrew Fry, P.E., S.E., LEED AP
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Bruce I. Ostbo, PE, SE
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Larry D. Swartz, PE
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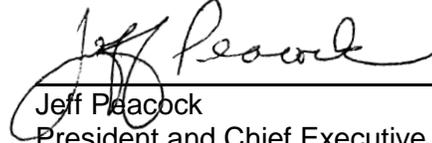
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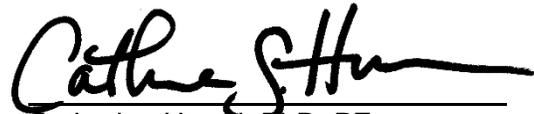
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Dave Warner, PE
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Scott Roux, SE (HI), PE, P.Eng
Senior Vice President



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Eric Ostfeld, PE
Pacific Northwest Regional Manager

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Dear Secretary Chao,

We are writing to ask that the U.S. Department of Transportation execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement with Sound Transit for the Lynnwood Link light rail extension under the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program. As transit leaders throughout the state of Washington and the Puget Sound region we recognize the importance of partnerships in completing this critical project.

The Puget Sound region is one of the fastest growing in the United States, and is forecast to be home to 5 million people by the year 2040. This growth in population is accompanied by an increase in transit use. Sound Transit and each of its partner agencies have seen promising increases in ridership, and the central Puget Sound region has been a nationwide leader in transit ridership growth for the last several years.

As transit partners, transit agencies in Washington State have worked with one another to maximize efficiency and convenience for our transit users by integrating our services for a seamless system, and Sound Transit is an active member in that effort. From aligning schedules and routes to development of the One Regional Card for All (ORCA) unified payment medium, we are growing mobility options for our citizens and attracting people to regular transit use. Execution of the Lynnwood Link FFGA would enhance the public transportation system regionally and contribute to further economic growth.

The transit community across Washington State is excited and confident in Sound Transit's ability to deliver the transit expansion approved by the voters, and many of us have worked diligently to ensure the value of the taxpayer's investment is being maximized. We also recognize that the benefits realized by a project of this magnitude are not just local, but have ancillary benefits to the regional, state, and national economy.

With this in mind, we are hopeful that the federal partnership can join the partnership we have made at the regional and state level with Sound Transit to complete this important project. We respectfully request that you execute the CIG Full Funding Grant Agreement for Lynnwood Link in 2018.

With Regards,



Jenny George
General Manager
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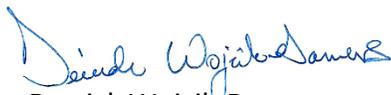
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June 19, 2018

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Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the members of the Associated General Contractors of Washington, we are writing to urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program with Sound Transit for the Lynnwood Link light rail extension in the central Puget Sound. Sound Transit has the expertise and track record to deliver this 8.5 mile light rail extension in partnership with the private sector. The agency has already delivered 19 miles of light rail with FFGA funding in partnership with the FTA, and we urge you to complete the CIG process for Lynnwood Link and execute the grant.

Puget Sound region is a thriving center for American innovation being home to companies like Boeing, Microsoft, Amazon, Starbucks and Costco. It's imperative we address the regions infrastructure deficit to support and preserve the booming economy. To meet this need, Sound Transit is building the largest transit expansion in the country by partnering with the private sector.

The region is well positioned to deliver on the transit expansion funded and approved by the voters. Citizens here have committed local tax revenues to implement the system, and the private sector is poised to continue to participate in delivering these projects. Sound Transit's 116-mile light rail system expansion is well underway, with 22 miles of light rail in operation, 18 miles under construction, 22 miles in final design and 54 miles in early planning. The agency has embraced the public / private project delivery model. With Lynnwood, the dollars spent on this \$3.2 billion project are generating economic benefits in this region and across the country through private sector contracts for planning, design, engineering, vehicles and construction.

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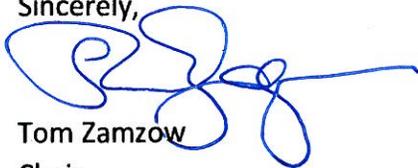
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We hope the Administration will extend another federal partnership with Sound Transit to complete this important infrastructure investment. We urge you to execute the CIG Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for Lynnwood Link this year.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Tom Zamzow

Chair

AGC Sound Transit Best Practices Committee



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Seattle District Manager

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Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Building Trades, we would like to respectfully request that you sign the Lynnwood Link light rail extension Full Funding Grant Agreement with Sound Transit. Our organization recognizes the importance of jobs that this project will create and the community-building power of this type of work.

The building trades represent 80,000 construction workers including apprentices in Washington State, each of which represent cornerstone to the community and economy. Our organization would like to continue our partnership with Sound Transit to deliver this important transportation infrastructure for the Puget Sound. Projects like the Lynnwood Link Extension provide both immediate and knock-on benefits.

Construction of the extension will immediately contribute to living wage jobs in a broad range of fields, providing an estimated 3.6 million hours worked. Our future workforce will also greatly benefit from this project. With a 20% Apprenticeship Utilization we project 727,600 hours for apprentices, and with a 15% Apprenticeship utilization, we project 545,700 hours for apprentices. These labor hours are invaluable to training future leaders in the building trades.

The Puget Sound region is also critically dependent on efficient movement through its transportation corridors. Construction of the Lynnwood Link light rail extension not only helps commuters but will also help make the existing road corridors more efficient for commercial and freight use. In addition to members of the building trades commuting to a work site, each project constructed by the trades improves the efficiency of transportation corridors to move construction materials, heavy equipment, and every other component to developing infrastructure in the community. By providing new options for transportation, you are

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encouraging growth in many areas of the economy; both directly and indirectly involved in the project itself.

On behalf of the more than 80,000 working families across Washington State, we would like to thank you for your consideration, and once again respectfully request that you execute the Full Funding Grant Agreement for Lynnwood Link in 2018.

Sincerely,

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MONTY ANDERSON
Executive Secretary

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