



City of Covington

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May 7, 2009

The Honorable David G. Reichert
c/o Marshall Reffett
United States House of Representatives
1223 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Reichert:

The City of Covington was proud to submit and is pleased to provide this letter in support of the following request for High Priority Project funding in the Surface Transportation Program reauthorization legislation:

- **Highway 516 improvements - SE Wax Road across Jenkins Creek to 185th Avenue SE**

The project has two components, each classified as a separate project in Covington's six-year Capital Improvement Program. The improvements will widen Highway 516 to five lanes from SE Wax Road to the vicinity of 185th Avenue SE. They will also widen SE Wax Road for channelization and sidewalk improvements in the vicinity of Highway 516.

The improvements will reduce traffic congestion, improve freight mobility, reduce accidents in a state-designated High Accident Location, reduce the highway's impact on a salmon-bearing stream, and facilitate commercial and residential growth in east Covington as envisioned by the City's comprehensive plan and necessary to implement the state's Growth Management Act.

The public will have an opportunity to comment at any Covington City Council meeting, including two specific meetings at which the Council authorizes the solicitation of bids and then awards the project. In addition, the city actively seeks comment on all city issues via U. S. Mail, e-mail, the city's website, and telephone calls.

The city has requested HPP funds for approximately 86% of the project. Other funding sources include:

- **Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) - \$1,483,680**
- **Federal STP-U funds - STPH 0516(18) - \$323,088**

- **Washington State Department of Transportation - \$300,000 Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Program**

Thank you for your ongoing support of the City of Covington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Matheson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Derek Matheson
City Manager



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on 5.6.09, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: 516 Expansion

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 5.6.09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Don Vondran

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: CITY ENGINEER

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Covington

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 16720 SE 27th St, STE 100

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 5-6-09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Thomas Young

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DATE: 5.6.09