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The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
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**RE: Request for Funding through Reauthorization of of SAFETEA-LU
East Lake Sammamish Parkway – SE 56th Street to I-90**

Dear Congressman Reichert:

The City of Issaquah supports and submits a request for \$9,108,450 in High Priority Project Funding in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation for:

- **East Lake Sammamish Parkway – SE 56th Street to I-90 Project – Completion of widening to 5 lanes of a FHWA Functionally Classified Principal Arterial**

The project also has a signed letter of support from Secretary Paula Hammond of the Washington State Department of Transportation, which was previously submitted.

We would like to provide you with the following additional details about this project.

- 1. Project merits:** This project will construct an additional southbound travel lane on East Lake Sammamish Parkway, resulting in a complete four and five lane arterial, from SE 56th Street to I-90 along with additional turn lanes at the intersection with SE 62nd Street. Included are traffic signal improvements that will be tied into and operate through Issaquah's state-of-the-art computerized central Intelligent Transportation System (ITS.) This project will complete the final deficient roadway section on this important regional Principal Arterial, which has been classified by WSDOT as T-1, the State's highest classification for freight routes. East Lake Sammamish Parkway is an important part of the arterial system extending from SR520 in the north to I-90 in the south and interconnecting the cities of Redmond, Sammamish and Issaquah. As such, it performs a vital role in the regional arterial system. This project, therefore, will eliminate a regional chokepoint where the Parkway currently narrows to a deficient number of lanes.
- 2. Public engagement:** This project has been subject to the public processes in the review and adoption of the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan and the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP.) The project also has been part of the public processes for inclusion in the adopted TIP of the Puget Sound Regional Council, the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO.) Further public opportunity for public review and comment will be provided through public meetings that will be held during the design phase of the project and through the environmental processes, which will include both the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- 3. Additional sources of funding to complete this project:** Total estimated cost for the design, right of way and construction phases of this project is \$10,530,000. This Federal funding request is for \$9,108,450 of that cost, leaving a difference of \$1,421,550, which will be funded through the City of Issaquah Capital Improvement Program.

No other additional sources of funding other than the Federal request and the City of Issaquah CIP funds will be needed to complete this project through construction and opening the road to traffic.

4. **How this request meets the 80% cost requirement:** The Federal request of \$9,108,450 represents 86.5% of the total project cost of \$10,530,000

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project further, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



Ava Frisinger
Mayor

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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 officials to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that federal 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 5.7.09, 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: East Lake Sammamish Parkway – SE 56th Street to I-90

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: _____

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Bob Brock, PE

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Director of Public Works Engineering

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Issaquah

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 1775 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: [Signature] **DATE:** 4/30/09

[Signature] 5.7.09