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The Honorable Dave Reichert  
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**RE: Request for Funding through Reauthorization of of SAFETEA-LU  
I-90 Undercrossing Phases 1, 3 and 4**

Dear Congressman Reichert:

The City of Issaquah supports and submits a request for \$6,230,000 in High Priority Project funding in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation for:

- **I-90 Undercrossing Project Phases 1, 3 and 4 – New Minor Arterial (Already Functionally Classified by FHWA)**

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 new Minor Arterial is a critical missing link of a long-planned and critically-needed third north-south arterial connecting the north and south sides of Central Issaquah across the I-90 freeway to help relieve congestion at two adjacent freeway interchanges. The new roadway provides regional mobility improvements and economic benefits both in a short-term and a sustainable long-term basis, and at a regionally significant level. It has been long time supported by WSDOT since as early as 2005. By constructing this new roadway, traffic volumes will be diverted from the parallel facilities that will provide a significant benefit to the interchanges at Front Street and Interstate 90 Ramps and SR-900 and Interstate 90 Ramps. This project will improve the movement of regional traffic which will decrease congestion and improve traffic safety along with moving freight more efficiently and more economically.
2. **Public engagement:** This project has completed the Environmental Documentation by going through the public involvement process to receive the State Environmental Quality Act (SEPA) determination and a National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion approval. The public involvement process has already been completed and was found that the public supports this project for its benefits that it will provide in reducing congestion.
3. **Additional sources of funding to complete this project:** Total estimated cost of Right of Way and Construction for all four phases is \$12.9 million (Design and Environmental is already completed). The total cost which is related only to this reauthorization participation and not including the \$1.8 million for Phase 2 that is funded by a private developer is \$11.1 million.

For Phase 1, no additional funds are being requested via reauthorization (\$1.27 million was previously requested through a FY10 appropriation for construction which has a total estimated cost of \$1.4 million). There are no funds being requested for Phase 2 as that has a cost of \$1.8 million for construction that will be constructed by a private developer.

The amount being requested is for this reauthorization bill is for Phase 3 and 4 is \$6,230,000 and represents \$814,000 for Phase 3 (Right of Way) and \$5,416,000 for Phase 4 (Right of Way - \$2,216,000 + Construction - \$3,200,000). The City will be matching the reauthorization request in the amount of \$1,386,000 that is already budgeted or 18.2% of the combined total of \$7,616,000.

**Total Request Amount:** The total request being made through the reauthorization process is for \$6,230,000.

4. **How this request meets the 80% cost requirement:** The estimate to complete Right of Way for Phase 3 is \$814,000 and to complete Right of Way and Construction for Phase 4 is \$2,216,000 + \$3,200,000) respectively for a total amount requested in the amount of \$6,230,000. With the match in the amount of \$1,386,000 that the City will be providing, this represents 81.8% of reauthorization funds and 18.2% of City funds that would meet the 80% cost requirement.

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 office 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:** I-90 Undercrossing Phases 1, 3 and 4

**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 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** [Signature] **DATE:** 4/30/09  
[Signature] 5.7.09