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May 14, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
1223 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Reichert:

The City of Maple Valley supports and submits a request for \$2,000,000 in High Priority Project funding in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation:

- **Project T-7, SR 169 (SE Witte Road to 228th Avenue SE) Safety and Freight Mobility Improvements**

This project has been identified as an important local and/or regional priority. We respectfully provide you with the following additional details about this project.

I. Project merits: SR 169 currently exists as a roadway with single northbound and southbound lanes. It includes no bicycle facilities and no pedestrian or sidewalk facilities as part of the roadway. The defined access and turning movements are poorly designed and marked. The addition of the right lane from Witte Road to 228th Ave SE, when completed, will increase vehicular traffic flow and relieve congestion for vehicles traveling southbound on SR 169 while, at the same time, it will improve transportation and pedestrian safety along the corridor.

SR 169 through the project area has a Truck Route Classification of T-1 ~ 10 Million Tons Annually. The addition of the right lane will allow freer right turn movements into existing commercial areas and increased mobility of traffic travelling southbound. The additional lane will reduce truck delays through the project area and also reduce traffic congestion resulting from slower moving freight vehicles traveling southbound through Maple Valley to Black Diamond and Enumclaw.

This area is the north commercial center of the city. The addition of this traffic lane would improve circulation around and through this area. As the commercial businesses grow, the improved circulation and traffic operations become necessary to move freight to these businesses and through the City of Maple Valley to Black Diamond and Enumclaw. Roadway improvements such as this will allow safer and easier access to the businesses for vehicles and pedestrians.

The proposed project provides environmental benefits as well. When completed, the additional lane will reduce traffic north of the intersection of SR 169 and SE Witte Road.

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Currently, vehicles traveling southbound on SR 169 back up at this intersection waiting for the light cycle. Reduction of this traffic delay will decrease the amount of carbon monoxide generated from idle vehicles waiting for the light cycle at the entrance to the city. The project also promotes environmental benefit by reducing the amount of pollution generating impervious surfaces and replacing those areas with vegetated landscape strips along SR 169.

2. Public engagement: A public hearing to receive public comment on the draft 2009-2014 TIP was held on September 8, 2008. On September 8, 2008 the City Council passed Resolution No. R-08-611 adopting the 2009-2014 TIP which includes the T-7 SR 169 (SE Witte Road to 228th Avenue SE) Safety and Freight Mobility Improvements Project. The Council has also approved the initial design for this project and has held a meeting to discuss alternatives for the project. The project has gone through several meetings (10+) with individual local business owners adjacent to the project. The businesses will be extensively affected by the project both in that it will improve the access to their businesses, but will require additional right-of-way and adjustments to their parking lots. Three open house focus meetings have been held with property owners adjacent to the project. Therefore, we have established a means of on-going communication with the business owners as we progress with the project.

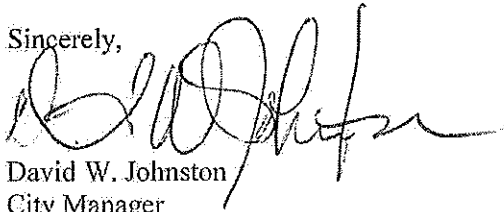
3. Additional sources of funding to complete this project: The project has received \$1,578,574 in local funds.

4. How this request meets the 80% cost requirement: The estimate to complete the project is \$3,578,574 and the project has \$1,578,574 in current funding. If this request for \$2 million is approved, the project would be fully funded.

If you have any questions about this project and funding request, please contact our Public Works Director, Steve Clark at (425) 413-8800.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. As always, we, here in Maple Valley, appreciate the good work you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,



David W. Johnston
City Manager

cc: Mayor Laure Iddings and City Council



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 April 24, 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: SR 109 Little Rd to SE 228th

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 4.24.09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Stephen R. Clark

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Public Works Director

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY

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MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: [Signature]

SIGNATURE: Thomas A. Young DATE: 4.24.09