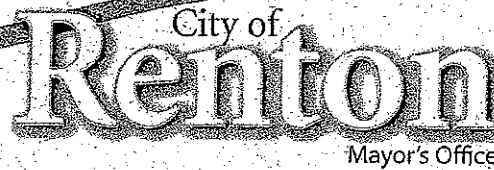


Denis Law  
Mayor



May 14, 2009

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

Dear Congressman Reichert:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Renton's Surface Transportation Reauthorization High Priority Project Request for the SW 27<sup>th</sup> Street/Strander Boulevard Connection Project. We have greatly appreciated your support for this project in the past and appreciate your consideration of further support for project funding.

The SW 27<sup>th</sup> Street/Strander Boulevard Connection Project will create a critical east/west connection that is missing between SW 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Renton and Strander Boulevard in Tukwila, providing an alternate route to I-405 between I-5 and SR-167. The project promotes transit-oriented development and job creation in an area where 25,000-34,000 jobs are estimated to be located by 2030; addresses significant safety issues associated with pedestrians and commuters currently having to cross two sets of railroad tracks; removes 55,000 vehicles from I-405 and SR-167; eliminates 40% of traffic congestion on South 180<sup>th</sup>; increases use of Sounder commuter rail, Amtrak, and other mass transit modes; saves construction costs; and improves air quality.

This project will increase freight mobility by providing an alternate truck route and connecting the Tukwila urban center to the Renton/Tukwila industrial area, the regional I-5 freight bypass, and the Green River Valley. The Green River Valley is the largest industrial area in Washington State, the second largest distribution hub on the West Coast, and the fourth largest in the nation. The SW 27<sup>th</sup> Street/Strander Boulevard Connection Project is surrounded by significant major employers, including The Boeing Company, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Federal Reserve Bank.

The City of Renton is deeply committed to an effective solicitation of public comment on this project. We have already held multiple meetings with area employers and will hold a public forum focused on the project. We intend to continue a high level of communication and outreach as this project unfolds, and will continue to incorporate feedback received in our project and construction planning.

Congressman Dave Reichert

May 14, 2009

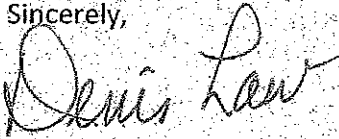
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The total cost of this project is \$38 million. Funding for previous phases has been secured from the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (\$4,000,000); WSDOT - Mobility Funding (\$1,000,000); Sound Transit (\$2,300,000); and the cities of Renton and Tukwila (\$641,280).

Given the merit of this project, our commitment to public input and the other secured sources of funding, I strongly request that you make this project a high priority project in the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work for the people of Renton. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 425-430-6500 or you may contact Suzanne Dale Estey, Economic Development Director, at 425-430-6591 or [sdaleestey@rentonwa.gov](mailto:sdaleestey@rentonwa.gov).

Sincerely,



Denis Law

Mayor

cc: Renton City Council  
Gregg Zimmerman  
Peter Hahn  
Alexander Pietsch  
Suzanne Dale Estey

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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 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 5/5/09, 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: Strander

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 5/5/09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Suzanne Dale Estay

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Economic Development Director

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Renton

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 1055 S. Grady Way

SIGNATURE: Suzanne Dale Estay DATE: 5/5/09

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MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Thomas Young

SIGNATURE: Tom B. Young DATE: 5.5.09