



April 27, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
U.S. House of Representatives
1223 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Reichert:

I am writing in support of Sound Transit's request for funding for the South Bellevue Parking Facility as a High Priority Project in the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This project will help connect major regional growth and employment centers in the central Puget Sound, including downtown Seattle, Bellevue and Redmond. As part of Sound Transit's East Link light rail project, the South Bellevue Parking Facility will provide substantial park-and-ride capacity for transit and carpool users and light rail riders, providing between 1,000 and 1,475 parking stalls in south Bellevue. By facilitating a strong connection to regional transit services, the project also supports Commute Trip Reduction because it promotes use of regional transit, reducing dependence on SOV travel and improves quality of life by reducing traffic congestion, air pollution and fuel consumption.

Sound Transit has had considerable public involvement and input on this project, including voter approval. The project is also included in the regional and State Transportation Improvement Programs which have undergone additional public review.

Sound Transit is seeking \$19,000,000 to \$25,000,000 for this project, or approximately 20 percent of the total project cost range. The balance of the funding will come from the voter approved tax revenues. These revenues are a dedicated funding source for the purpose of implementing Sound Transit projects and services.

Thank you for your support of Sound Transit and for increasing transit options for the citizens of the central Puget Sound.

Sincerely,

Joni Earl
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Reichert High Priority Project Form South Bellevue Parking Facility

Cc: Ann Snell McNeil, Government and Community Relations Manager, Sound Transit
Lisa Wolterink, Grants Manager, Sound Transit

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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: Belleme Park & Ride

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 5-5-09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: ANN McWEL

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: MANAGER, GOVT & COMM RELATIONS

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: SOUND TRANSIT

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 401 S. Jackson St Seattle 98108

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 5-5-09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Thomas Young

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