

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NUMBER 20.933

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We write in support of the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) application for TIGER III discretionary grant funds for the Interstate 5-Joint Base Lewis-McChord Area Congestion Management Project.

If awarded this project will add capacity and redistribute demand in this heavily-congested corridor. It completes the deployment of innovative traffic management strategies, including: shoulder widening to accommodate hard shoulder running, variable lane control, ramp metering, HOV applications, congestion monitoring, expanded traveler information and local intersection and military gate improvements.

The Interstate 5-JBLM Area Congestion Management Project will make vital improvements to a heavily congested section of I-5. It will make the region more economically competitive by improving a critical freight corridor and it will improve the safety of the traveling public. We would like to thank you for your attention to their grant request and urge you to give WSDOT's grant application full and fair consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



ADAM SMITH  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress