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A car drives over the State Route 529 drawbridge.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE  
on Northwest Washington's  
transportation infrastructure from  
**CONGRESSMAN RICK LARSEN**



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# IN WASHINGTON STATE, TRANSPORTATION MEANS JOBS.



## DEAR NEIGHBOR:

One of my top priorities in Congress is to help create jobs and opportunity for people in Northwest Washington. One of the best ways to do this is to invest in our roads, bridges, highways and transit systems. These investments put people to work immediately, keep goods moving across our state, and

improve safety for all of us.

As the only member of Congress from Washington state on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am pushing for the interests of the Pacific Northwest. Our region's strong manufacturing base depends on a robust network of roads, rail and runways to get products to market and people to their jobs. Students use sidewalks and bike lanes to get to school, and many workers commute on ferries and buses.

In Washington state, transportation means jobs. That is why we need to make sure the next long-term transportation bill invests in infrastructure that people in South Snohomish County depend on every day. In this update, you can learn more about some of the work I am doing to keep our economy moving.

Sincerely,

*Rick Larsen*

CONGRESSMAN RICK LARSEN IS WORKING  
TO BOOST OUR ECONOMY WITH IMPROVED  
ROADS, FERRIES AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS.



## ROADS

About three-quarters of our state's roads are in poor or fair condition. That means people are paying more to maintain and operate their vehicles. In fact, delays caused by highway congestion cost an average of \$125 per state resident in 2013. Economic Alliance Snohomish County has identified 23 needed transportation improvements, including widening SR 524 between 48th Avenue W and 37th Avenue W. I am pushing for a long-term transportation bill because it will support investments like this one - which will enhance the aerospace sector, improve freight mobility and connect job centers.



## FERRIES

Ferryboats are an important extension of our state's highway system. That is why in the last transportation bill, I worked to increase guaranteed funding for Washington's ferryboat program. After many years of work to secure federal funding and transfer property for the project to the Port of Everett, construction continues on the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal.



## TRANSIT

Increased transit options are a critical piece of solving our region's traffic congestion issues. Community Transit created Swift, the state's first Bus Rapid Transit line in 2009, and it has been hugely successful. As a result, Community Transit is planning to expand the line to better serve employment centers in Snohomish County. I am pushing the U.S. Department of Transportation to help get this second line started. But these projects depend on federal funding, which must be part of a long-term transportation bill.

Roads source: [http://tripnet.org/docs/WA\\_Transportation\\_Challenges\\_TRIP\\_Report\\_April\\_2015.pdf](http://tripnet.org/docs/WA_Transportation_Challenges_TRIP_Report_April_2015.pdf)



*Congressman Larsen tours the I-5 bridge over the Stillaguamish River to learn about planned maintenance to the bridge.*