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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The City of Bellingham supports the Slater Road/I-5 Interchange Improvements project proposed in the Lummi Nation's FY 2017 FASTLANE grant application, as previously supported by the Whatcom Council of Governments and regional transportation planning efforts.

This project will improve regional mobility by reducing congestion at the interchange and improving freight and other vehicular movement along and off of I-5. It will also provide improved safety with pedestrian facilities in the Slater Road corridor in Ferndale.

I hope you will give this project serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

Cc: Chairman Timothy Ballew II, Lummi Nation  
Ted Carlson, Public Works Director, City of Bellingham  
Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive  
Jon Mutchler, Mayor, City of Ferndale  
Bob Wilson, Whatcom Council of Governments