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EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**
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Jack Louws
County Executive

December 13, 2016

Honorable Timothy Ballew II, Chairman
Lummi Indian Business Council
2616 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Chairman Timothy Ballew II:

Please accept this letter as Whatcom County's support for your Fastlane grant application to make improvements to the Slater Road/Interstate 5 interchange area. This grant will help fund these much needed improvements to the Interchange and adjacent intersections to allow for safe and efficient movement through this rapidly developing north Bellingham/south Ferndale area.

The Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) has designated this Slater Road/Interstate 5 improvement project as the highest priority regional transportation need. Several elements of the proposed project will involve construction within Right-of-Way controlled by Whatcom County. Whatcom County looks forward to the opportunity to work with the various stake holders to further develop the specific improvements to be made.

Thank you for your leadership in moving forward this project that will benefit our community. My staff and I stand ready to support this grant application, public outreach, design, permitting and construction.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or County Engineer, Joe Rutan at 360-815-5240

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jack Louws", is written over a large, stylized blue star graphic.

Jack Louws
Whatcom County Executive

cc: Greg Young, City of Ferndale Administrator
Ted Carlson, Public Works Director, City of Bellingham
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