



February 27, 2023

City Councilmembers
City of Spokane Valley
10210 E Sprague Ave.
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

RE: Project Support for Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety Project

Councilmembers and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support of the City of Spokane Valley's application for funding of the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project: Sullivan & Trent Interchange Project.

As the Vice President and General Manager of Crown West Realty in Spokane Valley and a voice in this community, I support this application which improves freight movement through the greater Spokane region and fixes the safety hazards along a dangerous, busy, narrow, rural connector between two growing industrial, urban areas. Crown West Realty owns and operates the Spokane Business and Industrial Park (The Park), which is considered one of the largest industrial parks in the country. The Park is currently home to more than 170 businesses with nearly 4,500 employees and still growing. Whether it is to get to and from the place of work or to compete and serve their customers, a safe and effective transportation network is imperative to this community.

The Park is not only a regional center for manufacturing, it is a regional freight center and foreign trade zone to support the businesses within this region. The Park boasts direct service by both the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific rail networks and numerous local, regional and national freight services.

The Bigelow-Sullivan corridor is and has long been a necessary link between east Spokane Valley and north Spokane for the businesses and citizens of this region. As this region experiences substantial growth in our economy, this link has become weak and extremely inefficient in serving needs of this region. This project promotes a higher level of efficiency, safety and capacity to meet our growing needs. It is imperative that this project move forward in the best interest of this region.

This project is vital to the growth and prosperity of the Spokane region and its booming manufacturing and industrial businesses. If our transportation network cannot safely and efficiently support commerce in the region, we cannot succeed. In order to help our business and community thrive, we urge you to provide funding crucial to the construction of the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

Sincerely,

CROWN WEST REALTY, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Stuart", is written over the company name.

Dean Stuart
Vice President and General Manager