



FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

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City Councilmembers
City of Spokane Valley
10210 E Sprague Ave.
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Re: Project Support for Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety Project

Dear Councilmembers and Commissioners:

I am writing to express support for the Spokane County and City of Spokane Valley joint application for funding of the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

As the Chair of the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), I support this application, which improves freight movements through the greater Spokane region and fixes the safety hazards along a dangerous, busy, narrow, rural connector between two growing industrial, urban areas.

FMSIB's commitment to freight mobility in the Bigelow Gulch and Sullivan Road corridors has spanned more than a decade. The Board has provided over \$10 million in support of Spokane County's corridor project on Bigelow Gulch Road. Additionally, FMSIB has provided over \$1.5 million to enhance freight mobility on the Sullivan Road Bridge crossing of the Spokane River.

The subject Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project continues the legacy of federal, state, regional and local freight mobility investments in the corridor.

We urge the federal government to continue their participation and provide INFRA funding crucial to the construction of the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

Sincerely,

Dan Gatchet
Chair