

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of the City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County's joint application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program for the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project. The project will improve the safety and reliability of this regionally significant freight corridor.

The Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project realigns, widens and reconstructs a dangerous rural freight route that connects into a busy urban industrial corridor at North Sullivan Road's interchange with Trent Avenue (State Route 290). According the City, the corridor will serve as a gateway for rural freight route that carries up to 20% freight and will connect regional industries from northeast Spokane and east Spokane Valley. At the west end of the project is Washington State Department of Transportation's North Spokane Corridor (US 395) and the City of Spokane's Northeast Public Development Authority. At the east end of the project is the Spokane Business & Industrial Park, which is one of the largest in the county with 615 acres of property and over 5 million square feet of industrial building space. It will also alleviate congestion on Interstate 90 and through the City of Spokane's downtown core.

The total project leverages over \$67 million invested into previous Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor improvements and has a strong local match of \$24.9 million. These improvements will promote economic prosperity in the region while creating a safer transportation network for all users. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County's joint application for the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

Sincerely,



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