

SPOKANE AREA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

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Mayor Ben Wick

City of Spokane Valley

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Dear Mayor Wick,

The Spokane Area Good Roads Association wishes to endorse your application to USDOT for an INFRA Grant for the completion of the Bigelow Gulch/Sullivan Road Corridor. We recognize that the planning for this corridor from north Spokane to the Valley has been on our "to do" list for completion for nearly 30 years. As a transportation advocacy group of Spokane businesses for over 117 years we recognize that for a major metropolitan area of over a half million people, we need to have many transportation corridors to move people and freight north/south and east/west. Due to our geography of being in a valley with residential, commercial and industrial spreading north and south from our major freeway of I-90 we must create major connectors on the periphery so that traffic does not congest on our existing north/south arterials and east-west I-90 freeway.

The Bigelow Gulch connector was the first proposed urban connector to create a system of connectivity that surrounded the metropolitan area. Spokane County began to develop this first connector as a link to move freight destined for the industrial area in the Valley and east off the City of Spokane's congested north/south arterials. With the population growth in north Spokane and the Valley a dedicated corridor is needed to connect these commerce and industrial centers with limiting stopping intersections.

The Sullivan Road Corridor is a major concentration of industrial activity that will constantly grow with more industry, commercial development and residential on the perimeter. The County and the City of Spokane Valley are being diligent in developing this corridor to handle the traffic that will be created by this economic growth. The Spokane area does not want to become a parking lot of vehicles waiting for hours while traffic finally moves.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Flint, President

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