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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 Spokane County and City of Spokane Valley joint application for USDOT's INFRA program funding of the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

INFRA program funding is crucial to the region and its booming manufacturing and industrial businesses---the corridor requires more funding than any one city, county, MPO, or state grant agency can provide.

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has a well-established history of partnering with Spokane County and the City of Spokane Valley in supporting the Bigelow-Sullivan corridor.

- Currently, TIB has awarded Spokane County nearly \$2.1M for "Project 6" of Bigelow Gulch/Forker Road. TIB recognized the importance of this phase in the context of carrying freight and as a gateway to the numerous industrial and commercial complexes located at the west end of the corridor; and
- TIB also awarded \$3.5M for the construction of the Sullivan Road West Bridge (doubling capacity and providing pedestrian safety) and another \$360,000 on Sullivan Road and Euclid. In partnership with the City, the Sullivan Road/Euclid project included the infrastructure for the planned North Sullivan ITS projects.

In closing, we are in support of and recognize the need for INFRA program funding for the Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor Freight Mobility & Safety project.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 790-5472 or ashleyp@tib.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ashley Probart Executive Director

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