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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

BNSF supports the efforts by the City of Spokane Valley to secure funding from FASTLANE FY 2017 grant program for the Barker Road/BNSF Grade Separation Project.

The proposed grade separation project would construct an overpass at Barker Road eliminating at-grade crossings on BNSF's Spokane Subdivision on the Great Northern Corridor. This project would eliminate train-vehicle conflicts from at-grade crossings, improving vehicular mobility for the area and regional economic vitality by improving reliability and accessibility to the City's largest undeveloped industrial area, 500 acres of industrially zoned parcels.

BNSF will engage with the City to review the preliminary engineering and provide comments. BNSF is prepared to make the required financial contribution towards appropriate grade separation costs to eliminate the at-grade crossings as defined in 23CFR 646.210 once appropriate approvals have been secured and necessary agreements executed.

BNSF is prepared to proceed pending satisfactory review of funding requirements, final engineering, operating impacts, financial impacts, and negotiation of definitive agreements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Rasmussen".

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