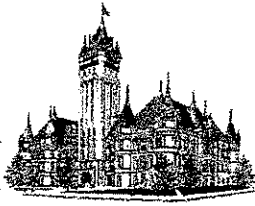


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OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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December 14, 2016

**City Councilmembers
City of Spokane Valley
11707 E. Sprague, Suite 106
Spokane Valley, Washington 99206**

*Re: Barker Rd/BNSF Grade Separation Project
Pines Rd (SR27)/BNSF Grade Separation Project*

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

We are pleased to provide this letter of support of the City of Spokane Valley's application for the Barker Rd/BNSF Grade Separation and Pines Rd (SR27)/BNSF Grade Separation Projects. These are very important projects that will significantly improve the quality of life in our community.

We are responsible for providing legislative and administrative services for the citizens of Spokane County. The main purpose of the Board is to identify and clarify the needs of the people and ensure that the County responds to those needs. One of the critical needs of the people is safe travel on our roads and streets.

Currently, in eastern Spokane County, the heavily travelled BNSF Railroad intersects at grade with both Pines Road and Barker Road, important city arterials, adjacent to high volume and high speed state highway, SR 290, on the border of the city limits of the City of Spokane Valley. Multiple issues at these intersections cause us concern for the safe travel of our citizens and the negative impact on emergency vehicles trying to respond to the needs of local residents.

Much of the area around these intersections is open and have great potential for future development and economic growth. The proposed improvement of these intersections will provide safety and greatly improve the mobility for its users with a positive impact on jobs.

We strongly endorse the funding of this project.

Thank you for your favorable considerations.

Very truly yours,
Spokane County Board of Commissioners

Three handwritten signatures in black ink are placed above their respective printed names. The signatures are fluid and cursive. The first signature is for Shelly O'Quinn, the second for Al French, and the third for Josh Kerns.
Shelly O'Quinn, Chair Al French, Vice Chair Josh Kerns, Commissioner