

April 6, 2016

SUPPORT APPROVED  
FOR 2017 FASTLANE II

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

**RE: Pines Road and Barker Road/BNSF Grade Separation Projects for the 2016 FASTLANE Grant Application**

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) concurs with the City of Spokane Valley's FASTLANE application for the Pines Road and Barker Road/BNSF Grade Separation Projects. Both grade separation projects will address existing congestion problems, improve emergency access for residents and businesses, and will improve access to industrial land for future development.

In addition, both projects are included in our 20-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan and have been identified as important regional transportation priorities. The projects will help improve the efficiency of rail movements along the corridor and will address environmental, noise, safety, and congestion issues impacting the City's street network.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer support for the City of Spokane Valley's FASTLANE application for the Pines Road and Barker Road/BNSF Grade Separation Projects. Both projects address important needs of our regional transportation system.

Sincerely,



Kevin Wallace  
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Amber Waldref, Chair, SRTC Board