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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
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**SUPPORT APPROVED
FOR 2017 FASTLANE II**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Washington State Department of Transportation is pleased to support the City of Spokane Valley's FASTLANE grant application for the Pines Road and Barker Road/BNSF Grade Separation Projects.

The proposed projects would eliminate train-vehicle mobility conflicts, remove automobile delays, and improve level-of-service. Additionally, both proposed grade separation projects will help improve the efficiency of rail movements along the corridor and address environmental, noise, safety, and congestion issues impacting the City of Spokane Valley's street network. Furthermore, the projects would improve a transportation key link to business and residents along I-90 and the BNSF railroad that are critical to support jobs and economic development in the area.

I hope you will give this project serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Millar, PE, AICP
Acting Secretary of Transportation