



Puyallup Tribe of Indians



May 7, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Puyallup Tribe of Indians, I am writing in strong support of the City of Fife's 2020 Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for Phase II of the **I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Improvement Project**. This Project completes the final phase of a transformational effort by the City of Fife, the Port of Tacoma, and The Washington State Department of Transportation to address significant backups at this interchange and to dramatically improve the movement of freight and goods as well as traffic in general.

The Project includes road, intersection, and intersection improvements at the I-5/Port of Tacoma Road interchange that will greatly enhance a critical connection to the Puyallup Indian Reservation as well as to the Port of Tacoma, which combines with the Port of Seattle to form the fourth largest gateway for containerized cargo in our nation.

Additionally, these interchange enhancements include innovative traffic engineering solutions that will improve the movement of goods and people throughout the City of Fife, as well as the entire Central Puget Sound region. This ensures that businesses and industry are unhindered by gridlock and residents have enhanced access to jobs, education opportunities, and other quality of life amenities.

Over the years, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the City of Fife have successfully partnered on various infrastructure enhancement projects, including Phase I of the I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project. We are committed to continuing our support for the City of Fife to bring this project to fruition, benefiting the communities and stakeholders adjacent to this interchange, as well as the economic growth of the entire region.

Sincerely,

Chairman David Bean,
Puyallup Tribe of Indians