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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 Railway supports the efforts of the City of Union Gap, Washington, to secure funding from the FASTLANE FY 2017 grant program for the Regional Beltway Connection Project.

As part of the Regional Beltway Connection Project, a new grade separated overpass would be constructed that would cross BNSF's Yakima Valley Subdivision. BNSF's Yakima Valley Subdivision is a key east-west rail route for freight rail traffic on the Great Northern Corridor. Once the project is completed, truck traffic and the traveling public can avoid an at-grade crossing on Ahtanum Road to the new grade separated Beltway.

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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