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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Snohomish County Department of Public Works respectfully submits our 2015 TIGER grant application for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project.

The proposed project will replace the current bridge providing direct access to the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. In addition to providing a multitude of recreational opportunities to our citizens, tourism for the City of Granite Falls, and residential access to the rural towns beyond Granite Falls, this bridge provides access for transport of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources critical to the Puget Sound Region.

The current bridge was constructed in 1934 and has been rated structurally deficient, functionally obsolete and fracture critical. If this bridge were to fail, the detour route is 94 miles long with portions built only to minimal forest service standards and difficult to maintain during winter months. This detour would have impacts at both the local and Regional level.

Snohomish County will be the sole recipient of this grant, if awarded, but we have the support and partnership of multiple agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Puget Sound Regional Council, to name a few. We respectfully submit this application for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Owen Carter, P.E.
Deputy Director/County Engineer