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

Dear Secretary Chao:

Thank you for considering the BUILD Grant for Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project, a critical Snohomish County project. The Public Works Department is responsible for over 200 bridges of which Granite Falls Bridge #102 is the largest and one of the last needing replacement.

If Snohomish County is awarded the BUILD Grant for Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement Project, our Public Works Department is prepared to match 27% of the total project costs with our local County Road Fund. As of this application, we have expended almost \$4 million of County Road Funds for evaluating alternatives, preparing plans, initiating federal and state environmental procedures, and engaging in preventative measures to ensure the safety of the existing bridge. We will also be applying for other state and federal grants.

This letter is provided as documentation of the financial commitment from Snohomish County Public Works. The County is committed to providing its share of the project cost as the BUILD program is the only viable option for funding a project of this size in a rural location.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Thomsen, P.E., Director
Snohomish County Public Works