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Mr. Victor M. Mendez, Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Reference: JBLM / I-5 Congestion Relief Action Plan

Dear Mr. Mendez,


Congestion on Interstate 5 through the Thurston County metropolitan area and past Joint Base Lewis-McChord is a growing problem that threatens economic vitality and quality of life. That is why we support the TCSP grant application from Thurston Regional Planning Council for the JBLM / I-5 Congestion Relief Action Plan.

Lacey is actively working with both the local Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to identify Interstate 5 improvements necessary to meet the mobility needs of this dynamic region. This study will compliment the current Interchange Justification Reports.

The JBLM / I-5 Congestion Relief Action Plan will provide interim relief to this mounting congestion by implementing strategies to improve operational efficiency of the existing highway system. It will leverage investments this region.

I encourage your support of this important regional project that will benefit Lacey and other communities adjacent to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, but all users of this critical interstate facility.

Sincerely,

  
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