

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4707

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David Somers
Executive Board President
Puget Sound Regional Council
1011 Western Ave #500
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Somers:

I am writing to express support for the City of Shoreline's State Route 523 and I-5 Interchange Project application to the 2018 Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Regional Federal Highway Administration grant program competition.

The SR 523 and I-5 Interchange project removes a bottle-neck along N/NE 145th Street and substantially improves pedestrian and transit access to the South Shoreline light rail station by providing new sidewalk facilities and road capacity improvements.

Improving this interchange substantially improves access to regional growth centers like Lynwood, Bothell, Northgate and Canyon Park. SR 523 is a primary corridor linking I-5 with SR 99 and is also a valuable route for connecting customers, freight and commuters. Moreover, with expanded bus and light rail service imminent, it is expected that the SR 523 corridor will become even more important than it is now. In order to travel through the corridor or access the future light rail station, users must pass through the SR 523 and I-5 interchange. The improvements imagined in the City of Shoreline's request are essential in order to accommodate expected increases in traffic in and around the interchange.

With the region experiencing economic and population growth, this project improves access to housing, employment, education and services; reduces congestion within population centers, while improving freight and goods movement within the region. This project also supports compact development and more efficient land use. More efficient and compact development aligns with broader growth and development strategies outlined by PSRC and others.

For these reasons I appreciate PSRC's consideration and request selection of this project for funding.

Sincerely,



Pramila Jayapal
Member of Congress