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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

BNSF Railway supports the efforts of the City of Pasco, Washington, to secure funding from the TIGER 2017 grant program for the Lewis Street Overpass and Replacement of Obsolete Undercrossing. This project is located in BNSF's rail yard in Pasco, Washington, on BNSF's Lakeside Subdivision on the Great Northern Corridor.

The proposed project would replace a 79-year old underpass structure with an overpass structure that meets current design standards improving traffic flows and reliability. Lewis Street is a vital community connection which acts as the primary link across the rail yard south of Interstate 182.

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 blue ink that reads "Craig Rasmussen".

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