

United States Senate

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July 19, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Spokane County's BUILD (DTOS59-18-RA-BUILD1) application

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to write in support of Spokane County's application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program. If funded, this project will support major economic development efforts in growing industrial and residential areas of Spokane County.

Spokane County's Geiger Boulevard Infrastructure Improvements project will address significant infrastructure problems along a corridor vital to the area's upcoming industrial and residential developments. The current two lane chip seal road will not be able to support the expected traffic from new developments that will create nearly 3,000 new jobs and over 600 new housing units. Spokane County has proposed to upgrade Geiger Boulevard to a three lane asphalt road, install a continuous shared-use pathway, signalize a key intersection, install utilities, upgrade two interchanges, and provide for regional transit facilities along the corridor.

I am pleased to support this project and the transportation and economic development benefits it provides to Spokane County. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator