

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

October 20, 2017

Matthew Welbes  
Executive Director  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Director Welbes,

I am pleased to write in support of the Washington State Department of Transportation Ferries Division's (WSF) 2017 FTA Passenger Ferry Grant Program application for a Bicycle Facility at the Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock.

The Bicycle Facility at Colman Dock is a key piece of infrastructure supporting the growing number of bicyclist and walk-on ferry commuters in the Puget Sound. As part of the overall terminal reconstruction WSF engaged the bicycle community and designed a new dedicated entrance with a separate covered holding area for bicycle riders. The new facility will increase efficiency, enhance safety for bicycle commuters, and encourage additional bicycle commutes while reducing single-occupant vehicle use.

WSF is the largest ferry system in the country and a core element of the regional transportation network. WSF's Colman Dock facility along Seattle's waterfront supports transportation and economic development across the Puget Sound. It serves two routes operated by WSF for general and commercial purpose traffic, high occupancy vehicles, transit, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as passenger-only routes operated by local partner King County and Kitsap Transit. Ferry riders, communities on both sides of the ferry route, and the broader region will benefit from this project. As a result of the substantial transportation, economic, and environmental benefits, the Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock has garnered widespread regional support.

The Bicycle Facility at Colman Dock will offer numerous benefits to the Puget Sound and I am therefore pleased to offer WSF's application my support. I ask for your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell  
United States Senator

**EVERETT**  
2930 WETMORE AVENUE  
SUITE 9B  
EVERETT, WA 98201  
(425) 303-0114  
FAX: (425) 303-8351

**RICHLAND**  
825 JADWIN AVENUE  
SUITE 204/204A  
RICHLAND, WA 99352  
(509) 946-8106  
FAX: (509) 946-6937

**SEATTLE**  
JACKSON FEDERAL BUILDING  
915 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 3206  
SEATTLE, WA 98174-1003  
(206) 220-6400  
TOLL FREE: 1-888-648-7328  
FAX: (206) 220-6404

**SPOKANE**  
U.S. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE  
WEST 920 RIVERSIDE, SUITE 697  
SPOKANE, WA 99201  
(509) 353-2507  
FAX: (509) 353-2547

**TACOMA**  
950 PACIFIC AVENUE  
SUITE 615  
TACOMA, WA 98402  
(253) 572-2281  
FAX: (253) 572-5879

**VANCOUVER**  
MARSHALL HOUSE  
1313 OFFICERS' ROW  
FIRST FLOOR  
VANCOUVER, WA 98661  
(360) 696-7838  
FAX: (360) 696-7844

**WASHINGTON, DC**  
511 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705  
(202) 224-3441  
FAX: (202) 228-0514