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The Honorable Chairman Defazio and Ranking Member Graves
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Grace Avenue Realignment Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is the City of Battle Ground and the project is located at 1 SE Grace Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604.

The funding is designated for the realignment, signalization, and widening of SE Grace Avenue. SE Grace Avenue is part of a critical north-south corridor serving Battle Ground's industrial core. It connects with NE Grace Avenue via an unsignalized, offset intersection at E Main Street, causing significant delays and hindering private investment in and around Battle Ground. SE Grace Avenue from Rasmussen Blvd to E Main Street features an array of multimodal transportation and safety deficiencies including lack of shoulders, open ditches near the roadway, few adequate or ADA accessible sidewalks or bike lanes, and no lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have several benefits including aligning and signalizing the SE/NE Grace Avenue intersection, widening the road to 44 feet to create continuous two-way left turn pockets at eight intersections, and installing designated bike lanes and ADA-compliant sidewalks complete with curbing and planter strips to provide safer access to adjacent bus stops, businesses, critical facilities and homes.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress