



## Snohomish County

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Dear Transportation Chairs and Ranking Members:

We are writing to emphasize the importance of improving the approaches to and from the U.S. 2 Trestle in Snohomish County and also replacing this aging structure. The U.S. 2 Trestle project is a top priority for many across the region. We respectfully urge that you include full funding of \$1.8 billion in the next new-revenue transportation package to ensure we can speed commerce and people in this critical transportation hub.

The U.S. 2 Trestle is one of only three major east/west routes in Washington State and is the only direct highway route from the quickly growing eastern part of the county across the Snohomish River to the Interstate 5 corridor in Everett. The trestle is a high value freight corridor supporting economic growth and commerce and is a major commuting route for Naval Station Everett personnel. This corridor carries more traffic on a daily basis than the Alaskan Way Viaduct did at its peak, and it has some of the same structural red flags. Built in 1960, the structure is over 60 years old, narrow, and vulnerable to stalled autos, accidents, and earthquakes.

We recognize that competition for transportation project dollars is incredibly fierce. We have been working on and advocating for this project for well over a decade and a half. We have done Route Development Plans, cost analyses, Interchange Justification Reports, and every other study and pre-construction piece of work necessary to improve and replace this structure. Now is the time to replace this project of statewide and regional significance.

We appreciate Senator Hobbs including \$1.8 billion in his Forward Washington Plan. When you come to agreement on a final transportation revenue plan, we ask that it includes full funding for the U.S. 2 Trestle project.

Sincerely,

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Council Chair

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cc: Rep. Laurie Jenkins, Speaker of the House  
Sen. Andy Billig, Majority Leader  
Rep. JT Wilcox, House Minority Leader  
Sen. John Braun, Senate Minority Leader  
Snohomish County Delegation