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Dave Somers

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Snohomish River Regional Trail Project (Everett to Snohomish) – FY23 ATIIP Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing in strong support of Snohomish County's application for a grant from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation's *Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)* for the Snohomish River Regional Trail project.

Snohomish County is seeking ATIIP funding to plan and design a 5.5-mile shared-use trail connecting the cities of Everett and Snohomish. This corridor will be a major addition to Snohomish County's regional trail system by providing an east-west regional link between Interurban Trail in Everett and the Centennial Trail in Snohomish.

Developed in partnership with the City of Everett, the Snohomish River Regional Trail will be a transformative multi-purpose transportation and recreation corridor. It will provide a safe, non-motorized, off-road shared use path connecting rural and urban communities throughout the region, as well as supporting crucial utility infrastructure serving adjacent communities. Another benefit is improved access to business and employment centers, schools and community amenities, recreation areas, and transit stops.

The trail will also contribute to healthy lifestyles and local economies, support recreation, and provide environmentally friendly movement of people. Finally, it will improve the quality of life in disadvantaged communities through connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of Snohomish County's application in support of the Snohomish River Regional Trail project.

Sincerely,

Dave Somers
County Executive

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