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**Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the 54th Ave E and Taylor Way Corridor Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fife, located at 5411 23rd St E, Fife, WA 98424. The project will build a second northbound left turn lane on Taylor Way at SR 509. The project will reduce backups on Taylor Way, which can impact the main access to a residential neighborhood, and improve access to westbound SR 509.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Fife, the Port of Tacoma and the regional economies are growing. The movement of goods and services remain a critical part to sustaining local and regional economies in the future. By investing in freight mobility improvements, like the 54th Avenue E and Taylor Way Corridor Project, we can help the local and regional businesses expand economic opportunities and remain competitive in the global markets. These opportunities will lead to local job growth for working families and promote small business expansion in the city of Fife. The current congestion at 54th Avenue E and Taylor Way also remains a barrier to military deployment to the port. These improvements will help improve JBLM military mobilization in peace and war efficiently and will help bolster our national defenses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

Sincerely,

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Congresswoman Emily Randall Washington's 6th District