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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the members of the Associated General Contractors of Washington, we are writing to urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program with Sound Transit for the Lynnwood Link light rail extension in the central Puget Sound. Sound Transit has the expertise and track record to deliver this 8.5 mile light rail extension in partnership with the private sector. The agency has already delivered 19 miles of light rail with FFGA funding in partnership with the FTA, and we urge you to complete the CIG process for Lynnwood Link and execute the grant.

Puget Sound region is a thriving center for American innovation being home to companies like Boeing, Microsoft, Amazon, Starbucks and Costco. It's imperative we address the regions infrastructure deficit to support and preserve the booming economy. To meet this need, Sound Transit is building the largest transit expansion in the country by partnering with the private sector.

The region is well positioned to deliver on the transit expansion funded and approved by the voters. Citizens here have committed local tax revenues to implement the system, and the private sector is poised to continue to participate in delivering these projects. Sound Transit's 116-mile light rail system expansion is well underway, with 22 miles of light rail in operation, 18 miles under construction, 22 miles in final design and 54 miles in early planning. The agency has embraced the public / private project delivery model. With Lynnwood, the dollars spent on this \$3.2 billion project are generating economic benefits in this region and across the country through private sector contracts for planning, design, engineering, vehicles and construction.

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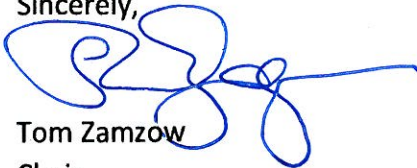
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We hope the Administration will extend another federal partnership with Sound Transit to complete this important infrastructure investment. We urge you to execute the CIG Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for Lynnwood Link this year.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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