



May 4, 2015

Don Anderson
Mayor

Senator Steve O'Ban
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Olympia, WA 98504

Jason Whalen
Deputy Mayor

Dear Senator Steve O'Ban,

Mary Moss
Councilmember

On behalf of the Lakewood City Council, I am writing to express our profound appreciation for your tireless efforts to secure funding to relieve congestion on the I-5 JBLM Corridor. We recognize the significant amount of time and energy you have invested in advocating for funding for this corridor, and that even more of your time is needed as discussions on a transportation package carry into the special session.

Michael D. Brandstetter
Councilmember

John Simpson
Councilmember

Improving the I-5 JBLM Corridor, and addressing its daily congestion, is invaluable to the Pierce County region and to the Lakewood community. You have provided the needed guidance and leadership to make freeing our region of traffic jams a reality, giving hope to greater economic prosperity.

Marie Barth
Councilmember

Paul Bocchi
Councilmember

When you began working on securing funding for the corridor in 2013, a general price tag had been assigned to the project, without any indication of what improvements certain funding levels would make. With your leadership, we now have a defined project scope and project cost of \$450 million. Also due to your efforts, the Senate Proposed Transportation Revenue Package includes that \$450 million, and makes the investment early to provide immediate congestion relief.

John J. Caulfield
City Manager

While a final agreement on a transportation revenue package is yet to be reached, we wanted to take a moment and recognize all that you have done to date. We stand behind you in solidarity as you continue your work into special session.

With great appreciation,

Don Anderson
Mayor, City of Lakewood

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