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June 29, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 25090

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project in Snohomish County, Washington, submitted under the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant program.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides direct access to the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway which offers recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

The current 340-foot long, 20-foot-wide bridge deck is not wide enough for two large vehicles to pass comfortably. This indispensable bridge is considered fracture critical and functionally obsolete. Granite Falls Bridge #102 provides an essential route for residents living outside Granite Falls and in the rural communities of Verlot, Robe Valley, and Silverton. If the bridge were to fail or close, the detour route is 94 miles, and part of that route is built to minimal forest service standards and is closed during the winter months. A bridge closure would prevent or delay imperative emergency services.

Although this project was ultimately not selected by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to include in the INVEST in America Act, I believe this project is critical to Washington's 1st Congressional District which is why I was pleased to submit it for consideration as a Member Designated Project request. I appreciate your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Suzan DelBene
Member of Congress
Washington 1st District

United States Senate

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July 12, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of an application submitted by Snohomish County for the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants Program* for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project.

Snohomish County is seeking a RAISE grant to construct a new bridge across the South Fork Stillaguamish River. This project would replace an 87-year-old bridge that is functionally obsolete. The current bridge is too narrow to accommodate more than one large vehicle at a time, which is challenging given its use as a transportation corridor by freight and residents alike. If the bridge were to fail, the detour route would be 94 miles on a road that remains closed in the winter and was only built to minimal forest service standards.

The new bridge would be wider and longer than the existing bridge, feature sidewalks and associated drainage and utility work, and meet current standards while providing increased traffic capacity. This project would make critical improvements to a transportation corridor that is heavily used to transport natural resources that are vital to Washington's economy, including timber, sand, gravel, and aggregate resources. The new bridge is part of the Regional Freight Strategy and would connect the Granite Falls Alternative Route and State Route 92 which is a major freight corridor, and a critical route to the Aggregate Quarries in the region which provide construction materials for projects throughout the Puget Sound.

The successful completion of the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement Project would provide direct access to the rural townships of Verlot, Robe Valley, and Silverton, and connect local residents to key employment areas in the greater Puget Sound. It would also increase recreational opportunities for tourists and residents alike through the Mountain Loop Highway Scenic Byway and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, which receives 5 million visitors annually.

Thank you for your consideration of Snohomish County's application. Please contact Bree Rabourn in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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July 15, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of Snohomish County's application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project.

The Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project addresses a critical infrastructure need and will support the local economy and tourism in rural Snohomish County. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides access for freight transportation and tourism through the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway, Mt. Pilchick State Park and the Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest. According to the County, tourism is the third largest market in Snohomish County and accounts for an \$11 million countywide impact annually. The Granite Falls Bridge is essential to connecting visitors with tourism centers.

The 86-year old bridge is 340-foot-long and 20-foot-wide bridge and is not wide enough for two large vehicles to pass comfortably. If the bridge fails, the detour route is 94 miles on a route that is only built to minimal Forest Service standards and is closed during the winter months. With grant funding, the County will construct a wider, longer three-span replacement bridge that meets current design standards. This project will ensure safe access by replacing the current bridge which the Federal Highway Administration considers fracture critical and functionally obsolete.

This project will provide a safe and reliable transportation network while supporting the economic competitiveness of the area. Additionally, it will ensure access of rural residents to essential services.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Snohomish County's application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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Date: June 24, 2021

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project in Snohomish County, Washington, submitted under the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant program.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides direct access to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway, which offers multiple recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

The USDA Forest Service is also implementing the South Fork Stillaguamish Vegetation Management projects, which would thin between 2,160 and 3,600 acres with multiple timber sales over a period of 10 years. This would contribute to an increase in log truck traffic on the Mountain Loop Highway and Granite Falls Bridge as the federal and state timber sales are sold. Two other bridges on the Mountain Loop Highway in the upper valley were selected for FHWA FLAP funding in FY 2023-2024 to accommodate this increase in log truck traffic.

The current 340-foot long, 20-foot wide bridge deck is not wide enough for two large vehicles to pass comfortably. This indispensable bridge is considered fracture critical and functionally obsolete. Granite Falls Bridge #102 provides an essential route for residents living outside Granite Falls and in the rural communities of Verlot, Robe Valley, and Silverton. If the bridge were to fail or close, the detour route is 94 miles, and part of that route is a Forest Service gravel road which is closed during the winter months. A bridge closure would prevent or delay imperative emergency services.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project on this vital and essential highway route.

Sincerely,

JODY L. WEIL
Forest Supervisor





June 24, 2021

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

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to support Snohomish County's 2021 RAISE grant application for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides direct access to the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway which offers recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

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We hope you give this project full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

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Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, AICP
Secretary of Transportation



Puget Sound Regional Council

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April 20, 2021

Max Phan, PE
Engineering Manager
Snohomish County Public Works
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Mr. Phan:

We have reviewed Snohomish County's Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement Project and have confirmed that it is consistent with PSRC's long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Given the nature of this project, it is reflected as a programmatic investment in the plan.

Should this project receive federal funding, PSRC will work with the County to amend the project into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and State Transportation Improvement Program as quickly as possible.

Please contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kelly McGourty
Director of Transportation Planning



City of Arlington

Administration

May 25, 2021

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement FY 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Dear Senator Cantwell:

We are writing with our strong support of Snohomish County's request for federal funding for the **Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project** under the FY 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Program.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork of Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides direct access to the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway which offers recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

In the past, the economies of Granite Falls and Darrington areas were heavily dependent on logging and lumber manufacturing. The rural communities have been trying to diversify their local economies to increase tourism and recreation. Access to the recreational sites is an important part of the desired recreational experience for both residents and visitors. The Mountain Loop Highway (MLH) will continue to be central to the economic goals of Snohomish County, City of Granite Falls, City of Darrington and City of Arlington. Job creation, tourism, recreational opportunities, timber harvest, and mining will continue to be tied to the rural communities that are geographically situated to take advantage of the corridor.

Our funding request is for \$3 million to complete the Final Design and NEPA permitting. Snohomish County will provide over \$5 million of local funds towards this project.

Again, we support federal funding for this critical project under the FY2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Program. Please contact us with any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Tolbert
Mayor



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July 12, 2021

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

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Dan Rankin
Mayor, Town of Darrington



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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Suzan DelBene
Member of Congress
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement FY 2022 Member Designated Project Request

Dear Congresswoman DelBene:

We are writing with our strong support of Snohomish County's request for federal funding for the **Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement project** under the Transportation and Infrastructure FY 2022 Member Designated Project Program.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge provides direct access to the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway which offers recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

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Our funding request is for \$19 million to complete Final Design and Construction with a \$7 million Snohomish County match. Again, we support federal funding for this critical project under the FY 2022 Member Designated Project Program. Please contact us with any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hartman
Mayor
City of Granite Falls

June 9, 2021

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

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



Garry Clark
President & CEO
Economic Alliance Snohomish County



July 12, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: BUILD Letter of Support - Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Port of Everett, we would like to express our support for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project in Snohomish County, Washington, submitted under the USDOT BUILD Grant program.

Granite Falls Bridge #102 is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of downtown Granite Falls, Washington, and carries traffic over the South Fork Stillaguamish River. Most of the Port's timber products are sourced from East Snohomish County and exported out of our deep-water seaport.

The bridge provides direct access to the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest via the Mountain Loop Highway which offers recreational opportunities and tourism for people across the state of Washington. Granite Falls Bridge #102 is also part of a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources. These resources are crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry.

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I appreciate your consideration of funding for this critical infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Lefebber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Lefebber
Acting CEO/Executive Director
Port of Everett



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

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County,
Washington

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project in Snohomish County, Washington, submitted under the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant program.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Haverfield
Fire Chief

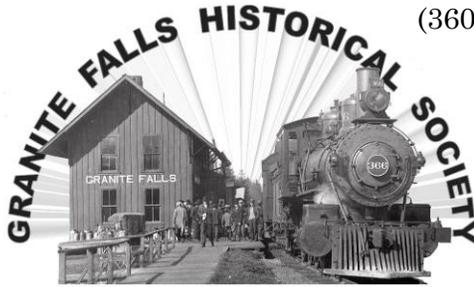
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28 Jun 2019

BUILD Letter of Support - Granite Falls Bridge #102
in Snohomish County, Washington

**From: Granite Falls Historical Society
P.O. Box 1414
Granite Falls, WA 98252**

**To: The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Granite Falls Bridge #102 Bridge Replacement project in Snohomish County, Washington, submitted under the 2019 USDOT BUILD Grant program, hoping that the final project can include preservation of the existing bridge as an entry on the County and National Registers of Historic Places.

The existing bridge was built in 1934 with two 10-ft wide traffic lanes designed to handle a 15-ton live load, and opened 1/3 of Snohomish County for logging, mining, and tourism. The bridge is an essential link in a vital freight route for transportation of natural resources including timber, sand, gravel and aggregate resources, crucial for the Puget Sound region's infrastructure and construction industry. Today, over 600 50-ton dump trucks traverse the bridge daily, plus over 200,000 seasonal visitors who enjoy the recreational opportunities of camping, hiking, sightseeing, and historic tourism on Mountain Loop Hwy.

The current bridge deck is not wide enough for two large vehicles to pass comfortably; the bridge is simply functionally obsolete, being taxed well beyond its design limits. Any closure due to mishap would mean a 94-mile detour along a route which is normally closed in winter, preventing or delaying imperative emergency services to the communities and visitors in central eastern Snohomish County.

The bridge is immediately adjacent to a waterfall and fish ladder, both of which are historic tourist attractions. Preserving the current bridge can serve to improve access to those while providing an incredible pedestrian river overlook, safer river crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists, and even an emergency alternative, if properly planned.

I would like to request your consideration and selection of this necessary project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Cruger".

Fred Cruger, Granite Falls Historical Society (GFHS), Treasurer
League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO), VP



Lake Stevens/Granite Falls Transportation Co-op

June 7, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge # 102 in Snohomish County, Washington State.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Delana Reeves
Transportation Supervisor
Lake Stevens/Granite Falls Co-op



SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INTEGRITY DIGNITY COMMITMENT PRIDE

Adam Fortney, Sheriff

June 14, 2021

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

Re: RAISE Letter of Support for replacing Granite Falls Bridge #102 in Snohomish County, Washington

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Fortney
Snohomish County Sheriff