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The Honorable Dan Newhouse
U.S. Representative
504 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Newhouse,

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to submit a Member Designated Request for the SR 410/Rock Creek Vic - Chronic Environmental Deficiency project. We are requesting \$3,562,000 from the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

SR 410 at Rock Creek, east of Chinook Pass, experiences repeated flooding events and sediment build-up in the culvert under the highway, approximately 14 miles west of the US 12/SR 410 junction. This project will construct a new channel for the creek to provide a larger area for sediment storage and overflow and construct a new structure on SR 410 to minimize the risk of future flooding events.

SR 410 is a major recreational and scenic route and is important to the area's economy. SR 410 is a National Scenic Byway and is the only eastern entry point to Mount Rainier National Park. There are year-round recreational opportunities in the corridor.

This project is in the STIP. WSDOT will obligate the funding consistent with federal-aid highway requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact Megan Cotton, WSDOT's Tribal & Federal Relations Director at cottonm@wsdot.wa.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Millar'.

Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, AICP
Secretary of Transportation