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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 US 12 Naches Vic to Yakima Vic - Intersection Safety Improvements project in Othello. We are requesting \$1,452,000 from the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

The US 12/Ackley Road/Clover Lane and US 12/Eschbach Rd intersections on the US 12 corridor between Naches to Yakima have been identified as having high potential for crashes. This project will construct intersection improvements such as acceleration and deceleration lanes or other safety improvements to reduce the risk of freight and passenger vehicle crashes at the intersections.

This segment of US 12 has many fruit warehouses. US 12 is a primary work route for a large number of low-wage and minority workers. Improving the safety at these intersections will provide equity for typically underserved populations.

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