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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 97/Jones Rd - Intersection Improvements project. We are requesting \$4,464,000 from the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

The Jones Road Intersection on US 97 has experienced a history of vehicle and pedestrian collisions. It is also difficult for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the high-speed US 97. This project will construct a two-lane roundabout to reduce conflicts and the risk of collisions. This project is on the Yakama Nation Reservation and will provide safety benefits for 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