

January 28, 2014

The Honorable Rodney Tom
Senate Majority Leader
PO Box 40448, Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Mark Schoesler
Senate Republican Leader
PO Box 40409, Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Sharon Nelson
Senate Democratic Leader
PO Box 40434, Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Majority Leader Tom, Republican Leader Schoesler, and Democratic Leader Nelson:

We are writing as a group of mayors, urging you to seize the opportunity to use broad-based, bipartisan support to enact a comprehensive transportation package.

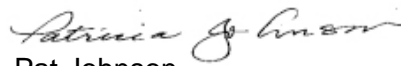
Transportation is a jobs issue, a congestion relief issue, a movement of people-and-goods issue, a multi-modal issue – and above all, a historically bi-partisan issue. The “Nickel” and Transportation Partnership Act (TPA) packages of 2003 and 2005 included support from members of both parties – a testament to the fact that transportation infrastructure investment is a foundation of our economy and our ability to stay competitive as a state.

In 2013, the House passed a package, and the Senate proposed a package, that had many common elements: maintenance and preservation; completing major projects; congestion relief; local distribution and local options; and connecting key manufacturing and goods-to-market centers with our ports. Our state has a common and critical stake in ensuring that local jurisdictions can make vital investments in streets and roads, that multi-modal needs are attended to, and that all our roadways are maintained so that the infrastructure we all own does not deteriorate.

There is an unmistakable connection between our state’s economy and making a critical down-payment on our transportation needs. We strongly urge you to come together and pass a Senate proposal that focuses on comprehensive transportation investment, opening the door for full “5 Corners” negotiation and adoption of a final package.

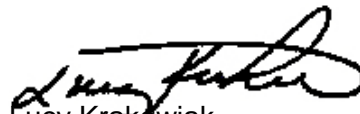
Sincerely,


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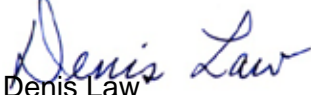

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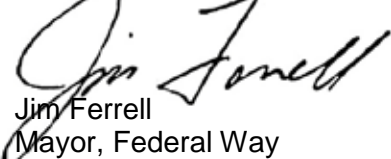
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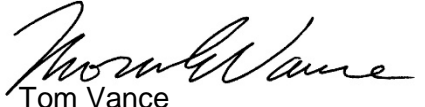

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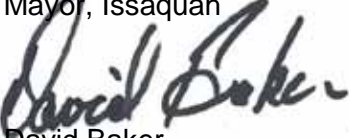

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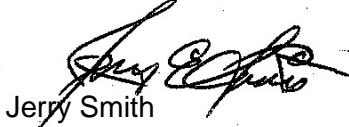

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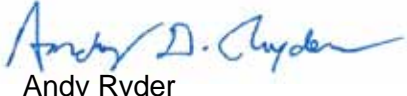

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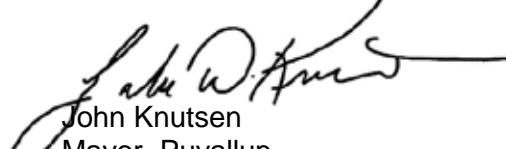

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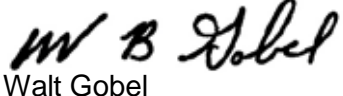

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