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City of Edmonds  
121 5th Ave N  
Edmonds, WA 98020

**Re: Edmonds' Highway 99 Gateway-Revitalization Stage 3 – 220th St SW to 224th St SW Project RAISE Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Nelson and Mr. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Shoreline, I am writing to convey our support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the Highway 99 Gateway-Revitalization Stage 3 – 220th St SW to 224th St SW Project being submitted by the City of Edmonds.

The Edmonds Highway 99 subarea is approximately 2.25 miles bordered by several jurisdictions – Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, and the Unincorporated Snohomish County neighborhood of Esperance. The subarea is a major north-south Highway of Regional Significance and an urban center for Edmonds with professional services and retail amenities along the corridor. There are distinct subdistricts and is already a horizontal mixed-use district. However, buildings along Highway 99 are predominately highway-oriented, set far back from the road with large surface parking lots in front, which results in an unpleasant and unsafe environment for active transportation users. This stretch of Highway 99 is a seven-lane facility with a two-way left-turn lane that experiences a crash rate nearly 4 times what is expected. As Edmonds contemplates where new growth and economic development can occur within the community, this stretch of Highway 99 has been identified for change and there is broad support for a reimagining of its historic role as just a high-speed highway.

The City of Edmonds' Highway 99 Gateway-Revitalization Stage 3 – 220th St SW to 224th St SW Project proposes to address operational and safety concerns by constructing raised center medians for access management, dual left-turn lanes both the Northbound and Southbound movements combined with a right turn lane for the Westbound movement at Hwy 99 @ 220th St SW, wider sidewalks, new street lighting, more attractive and safer crosswalks, improved stormwater management, targeted utility replacements, undergrounding of overhead utilities, landscaping, softscape treatments and other streetscape improvements to speak to the unique character of Edmonds. Improvements will support connections to Sound Transit's

up-coming Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension, and linkages to the parallel Interurban Trail for pedestrians and bicycles (less than ¼ mile east of the corridor).

The City of Edmonds, along with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Snohomish County, Community Transit, the cities of Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood, utility companies, and local agency representatives have worked through a collaborative process over the last five years to identify proposed corridor improvements, while minimizing impacts to the local community and promoting economic revitalization. This has resulted in completion of the Edmonds Highway 99 Subarea Plan in 2017 to address future land use and transportation needs along / within proximity to the Highway 99 corridor along with an associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Edmonds' Highway 99 Gateway-Revitalization Stage 1 Project developed conceptual transportation plans for the corridor and the design plans for the Edmonds' Highway 99 Gateway-Revitalization Stage 2 Project are currently being completed by the City and SCJ Alliance and construction is planned to begin in 2022.

We are pleased to offer our support of this valuable grant application and look forward to the completion of this key project to improve transportation through the cities of Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, Shoreline, and Esperance.

Respectfully,

Debbie Tarry  
City Manager  
City of Shoreline

cc: Shoreline Mayor and Councilmembers  
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