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May 12, 2023

Shailen Bhatt
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Bhatt:

I request your full and fair consideration of the City of Mount Vernon, Washington's request for \$12,500,000 in U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Program grant funds to complete the regional charging infrastructure incorporated into the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project.

Library Commons is a multi-story climate resilient structure featuring civic services and resources, including a parking garage with electric vehicle (EV) charging, public library, community center, meeting rooms, commercial kitchen, public restrooms, STEM center and public computing area. This project is a model for civic investment in a Justice 40 tract.

The regional EV charging infrastructure incorporated into the parking garage portion of Library Commons includes:

- Three floors of structured free public parking
- 270 parking stalls, including 4 direct current fast charger (DCFC) EV chargers and 72 Level-2 variable EV chargers
- Ability to transition to 8 DCFC and 200 Level-2 variable EV charging stations
- 9 electric bicycle charging lockers
- 8 motorcycle parking stalls
- Regional transit route stop for Skagit Transit's 90X route, which connects Skagit County to Whatcom and Snohomish counties, and has an average monthly ridership of 3,000 people.

Applying an equity lens, the charging infrastructure incorporated into Library Commons will serve residents, workers, transit vehicles, tourists, and other regional travelers along Interstate 5 and WA State Highway 536. The project will also spark continued economic investment for multi-family housing and hotel development thanks to close partnerships between government and the private sector.

The Library Commons Project will immediately enhance the region's infrastructure, create jobs, contribute to educational equity, and protect the environment. The regional benefits of this project provide a significant return on federal investment.

For these reasons, I request your full and fair consideration of the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Larsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Larsen" clearly distinguishable.

Rick Larsen

U.S. Representative

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