

Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02)

Fighting Back Against President Trump's Transportation Tactics

President Trump's freeze and clawback of transportation grants is putting billions of dollars, hundreds of thousands of jobs, and tens of thousands of projects at risk.

Northwest Washington communities deserve steady rules of the game, refereed by a reliable federal partner.

Representative Rick Larsen is standing up for families who depend on safe and reliable transportation every day and for communities who depend on infrastructure investments to create jobs.

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REP. LARSEN'S WORK

Meddling with Grants

The Administration freezing and hijacking infrastructure grants is creating mass uncertainty and costing communities money.

- Working to keep grants flowing:
 - Led a [letter](#) on January 29, 2025 to Secretary Duffy from all T&I Democrats opposing DOT's sweeping freeze of infrastructure funding under the IIJA and IRA.
 - Led a [letter](#) on February 11, 2025 to Secretary Duffy from T&I Democrats opposing DOT's pause and proposed rewrite of guidance applicable to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.
 - Sent a letter in February 2025 with Senator Cantwell opposing PHMSA's withholding of grant funds to the Pipeline Safety Trust.
- Highlighting strong support for continued investment and opposing President Trump's actions to freeze, pause or claw back grants: T&I Committee hearings on [highways](#), [rail](#), [ports](#), and [pipelines](#).
- Tracking specific grants in WA-02 and fighting to keep money flowing to projects in the district.

Firing Employees

The Administration indiscriminately fired USDOT employees, including at the FAA, and more cuts are in the works.

These firings impact transportation safety, the welfare of communities, and effective stewardship over infrastructure.

- Ensuring a focus on safety: Led a letter on February 14, 2025 from all T&I Democrats urging DOT to swiftly carry out the safety reforms under the FAA Reauthorization law and oppose corporate takeovers of our air traffic control system.
- Fighting for employees:
 - Led a [letter](#) on March 12, 2025 from all T&I Democrats urging DOT to hire back fired probationary employees and asking for the Department's plans related to Reductions in Force.
 - Led a [letter](#) on March 3, 2025 with Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Connolly expressing concern with the indiscriminate termination of federal employees who ensure the safety of the national airspace system.
 - Sent a letter on February 19, 2025 opposing the mass firing of hundreds of critical FAA employees and the Administration's attacks on the agency.
- Highlighting strong support for the nation's air traffic controllers and aviation safety workforce: T&I Committee [hearing](#) on March 4, 2025.
- Tracking cuts to DOT Region 10 employees and direct impacts to project review and approval in the district.

Jeopardizing Safety

USDOT is slashing grants and attacking communities that are investing in safer, cleaner infrastructure.

FAA is making contracting decisions in the dark, raising alarm about undue influence.

- [Fighting back](#) against attempts to gut investments in cyclist and pedestrian safety and holding USDOT accountable to follow the law.
- Tracking potential cuts to critical safety projects in the district and protecting Northwest Washington's right to invest in life-saving infrastructure.
- Demanding transparency in FAA contracting: led a [letter](#) on March 7, 2025 to FAA Acting Administrator Rocheleau from fellow House Democrats over concerns of Elon Musk's role in FAA's contracting decisions involving Starlink.