



February 25, 2013

The Honorable Judy Clibborn  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
PO Box 40600  
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Dear Representative Clibborn:

On behalf of the members of the South Sound Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition (SSCCLC), we would like to first let you know how much we appreciate your work on transportation in Washington State, particularly those projects that impact the region including our South Sound Chambers and the economic benefit those projects have for all of Washington State. Your "Connecting Washington" transportation package unveiled last week is something our group is looking forward to working with you to see it move forward.

As you know the SSCCLC supports the following transportation projects in the package which are among those imperative for economic development in our region:

- SR-167 from Renton to the Port of Tacoma and SR-509 from the Port of Seattle to I-5 including connections to SR-167 which are included as the "Puget Sound Gateway".
- The I-405 Interchange with SR-167 supported by express toll lanes through Renton up to I-90
- The I-5/SR-18/SR-161 projects (Federal Way triangle)

In addition to the positive impacts for our region the projects are important for congestion relief and freight mobility – particularly for the State's two largest ports. This will increase our ability to export goods from our State's manufacturers, rural communities and agricultural areas and improve our ability to remain globally competitive in the import of goods from overseas. With over 80,000 permanent jobs predicted to be created as a result of the SR-167 completion and 17,000 predicted as a result of the SR-509 completion, the "Puget Sound Gateway" alone has the power to bring significant long-term jobs benefit to our State.

We also appreciate your leadership in bringing forward a package to begin the discussions on new revenues needed for these projects. We are looking forward to working with you on how to move this package forward and ensure that it is sufficient to maximize the economic benefit from the projects being paid for. In addition, we are ready to help strategize on other mechanisms, such as alternative funding sources and cost efficiencies to make sure projects such as the "Puget Sound Gateway" projects – which have known economic benefits for the entire state and have been in the planning states for 20-years or more – are not simply phased in but instead have a pathway and commitment to full completion with targeted funding sources.

We are ready to get to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Davis", written over a horizontal line.

Terry Davis, Chairman of the Board

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