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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
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Re: Support for Puget Sound to Pacific FY23 RAISE Application

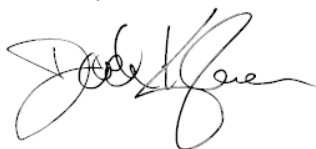
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to write in strong support of the Puget Sound to Pacific FY23 RAISE application to design the gaps, missing links, community connections and safety improvements to complete the Great American Rail-Trail in Western Washington, from Bainbridge Island to La Push.

The Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) proposal is an innovative active transportation corridor, providing a safe, non-motorized shared use path connecting communities in Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties of Washington state. This multi-use trail project will be an asset not just to these three counties and the small towns and tribal communities directly served, but also as a connected route to the Olympic National Park, the greater Seattle area, and the wider state of Washington. The PS2P connects the Greater Seattle metropolitan area to the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula via the regional transit hubs at Bainbridge and Kingston ferry terminals.

I am pleased to support PS2P's proposal, which promotes sustainable non-motorized transportation for commuters, local residents reaching services, cultural facilities and schools, and recreational trail users and cyclists. This trail serves as a critical transportation and recreational link for people of all economic backgrounds to commute to work and enjoy the parks and scenery that the region offers. Please give this proposal full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Emma Abraham in my District office and Emma.Abraham@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
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