

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 20, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to urge you to approve Emergency Relief (ER) program funding requested by the State of Washington to repair damage to the Front Street Interstate 90 (I-90) overpass.

On March 13, an over-height garbage truck struck and damaged the I-90 overpass above Front Street in Issaquah. After a temporary closure, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) reopened the overpass but, for safety precautions, closed the right shoulder until permanent repairs can be made. WSDOT estimates the cost for both temporary and permanent repairs to be between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million.

The Front Street I-90 overpass is critical to communities in King County and to the State of Washington. As part of the I-90 corridor, it plays an important role in supporting international trade through the movement of goods across Washington and to our ports, creating and sustaining hundreds of thousands of jobs in the state. Furthermore, other states that export and import goods through the ports in the Pacific Northwest rely on this now damaged transportation infrastructure. Communities in King County and the entire state are also dependent upon a safe, functional, and intact I-90 corridor for employment and recreation purposes. As the primary east-west transportation corridor in Washington state for goods and citizens, the connectivity and integrity of I-90 is vital to the entire state's economy.

We urge you to grant the State of Washington's request for ER funding for the Front Street I-90 overpass in its entirety as soon as possible to ensure our constituents and all users have safe, reliable, and uninterrupted access to this critical transportation link.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to urge you to approve Emergency Relief (ER) program funding requested by the State of Washington to address recently discovered bridge-hit damage to the SR 410 White River Bridge.

On April 4, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) closed the SR 410 White River Bridge between the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley for emergency repairs after discovering major damage to the bridge's arched steel overhead support structure. Temporary repairs of the bridge were completed and it was reopened on April 11. However, the bridge must undergo permanent repairs, which is planned for later this year. WSDOT expects the cost for both the temporary and permanent repairs to cost approximately \$1.5 million.

The White River Bridge is critical to communities in southeast King County. The bridge is a steel truss bridge with an arched overhead support structure that was built in 1949. The bridge stands 16 feet 5 inches at the mid-point, and 15 feet 3 inches at the shoulder. It carries about 20,000 vehicles each day. As the sole transportation link across the White River, this bridge is vital for the transportation of goods and services, commuters who travel to and from their jobs, and continued economic development and tourism in the region. In addition, the bridge is important to the effective and timely delivery of emergency services, serving as a key link to the Enumclaw Regional Hospital in Enumclaw. Any further closures of the White River Bridge could seriously impact our constituents' access to critical health care services.

We urge you to grant the State of Washington's request for ER funding for the SR 410 White River Bridge in its entirety as soon as possible to ensure our constituents and all users have safe, reliable, and uninterrupted access to this critical transportation link.

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