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Commander
U.S. Coast Guard District NW
915 2nd Ave Room 3510
Seattle, WA 98174

**RE: Comments on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project (IBR) Program
Navigation Impact Report (NIR)**

Submitted via email

Dear Commander,

On behalf of the trucking industry in Washington State and our support for critical infrastructure investments, I am writing to express strong support for the I-5 Bridge's locally preferred alternative and urge moving forward with this essential project.

The I-5 Bridge is a vital artery for the movement of goods and people along one of the most heavily traveled corridors in the region. An upgraded, seismically resilient bridge is crucial for ensuring the safety and reliability of the interstate connection. The industry supports a fixed span bridge as a critical enhancement for roadway users that will significantly improve mobility and overall capacity.

Truck traffic accounts for approximately ten percent of the roughly 140,000 daily vehicle trips on this corridor. Opportunities exist to improve commute times and reduce peak time delays for commuters and freight by road with the current plan. The IBR program has had the difficult task of balancing needs from many perspectives. We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on the needs of highway users with this historical infrastructure replacement project.

The project's improvements will strengthen supply chain resiliency, especially in the event of earthquakes or emergencies. It will also alleviate congestion, support economic stability, and promote sustainability.

The trucking industry fully supports this project with a fixed span configuration and is committed to collaborating to ensure its successful completion, which will benefit all stakeholders and the communities served.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to advancing this critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Sheri Call
President & CEO
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