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Steve Gorcester, Executive Director  
Transportation Improvement Board  
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**RE: City of Bothell's Main Street Enhancement Project**

Dear Mr. Gorcester:

I am writing to encourage the Transportation Improvement Board's (TIB) swift and favorable consideration of the City of Bothell's application for a TIB grant to undertake Bothell's Main Street Enhancement project.

Yesterday, I visited Bothell Mayor Rheaume, Senator McAuliffe and other Bothell business and civic leaders. I saw first-hand the extent of the devastating July 22<sup>nd</sup> fire that destroyed historic buildings on Main Street and impacted a dozen well-loved businesses. Some, like the Kozy Corner Café, had been in operation for decades.

I learned more about Bothell's recovery efforts and the redevelopment at the heart of this growing city. The Main Street Enhancement project is central to this plan. This construction-ready project will help improve and revitalize the historic Main Street area, allowing new commercial development while ensuring the continued viability of existing Main Street businesses. Specifically, it will create welcoming public spaces, improve crosswalk visibility, calm traffic, widen pedestrian-friendly and tree-lined sidewalks and support the unique character of Bothell's historic business district.

TIB's investment in this project would help accelerate Bothell's recovery and support its long-term economic development. It's a compelling project for a resilient and deserving community. I urge your expeditious approval of this grant.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Jay Inslee, written in a cursive style.

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