



March 11, 2015

Senator Curtis King  
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Olympia, WA 98504

OneGorge Coalition  
c/o Port of Hood River  
1000 E. Port Marina Drive  
Hood River, OR 97031

**RE: New Overpass to Bingen Point and City of Bingen Railroad Crossings**

Dear Senator King:

The following participants of the OneGorge Coalition support the development of a new overpass to the Port of Klickitat Bingen Point over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that is included in the LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 10, 2015, Program. OneGorge urges your support for the project, along with the preservation of all existing crossings in the Bingen area.

Overpass access to Bingen Point and the preservation of all existing crossings in the Bingen area are critical infrastructure needs for the operations of existing businesses in the City of Bingen, the economy of the local area, and the ability of emergency responders to protect public safety. All of these issues directly impact economic development throughout the Mid-Columbia as well. OneGorge has developed the attached Fact Sheet to provide more details on this much needed infrastructure investment.

This project, along with the retention of existing crossings for local business, enables enhancements to economic development and job creation; creates a significant improvement to emergency response access in the event of fire, train derailment, or other disaster; and results in improved safety and livability in terms of traffic control and access.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned, facilitated by OneGorge



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