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Mr. Glen Miles  
Spokane Regional Transportation Council  
221 West First Avenue, Ste 310  
Spokane, WA 99201

RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant Application for Hillyard

Dear Mr. Miles:

The North/South Corridor is now finally under construction and with this project will come many impacts, both positive and negative depending on how you choose to address them. The residents, business owners and stakeholders of the Hillyard community have chosen to view this development as a positive for their community and are working pro-actively to insure that they are prepared for the impacts and ready to maximize its benefits. To that end they have worked over the last several years to undertake a massive planning effort to prepare for the completion of the project and its various phases.

They have received a designation as a Historic District to assist them in retaining and restoring the historical significance of the area and its many structures. They have undertaken a revitalization program through the Historic Hillyard Partnership, a community formed organization, to enhance the streetscape of downtown Hillyard and make the area pedestrian safe and friendly which will strengthen the retail character of Downtown Hillyard. They have worked to make Downtown Hillyard a point of destination and not merely an area that you go through.

The Hillyard Heritage Museum (HHM) project is part of this strategy. The retention of the artifacts that comprise the HHM as well as the railroad cars that house those artifacts is a clear sign of the value and pride that this area has toward its railroad heritage. The community wants to make the HHM a focal point of their revitalization efforts and to do so they are looking for financial assistance in completing this project. This grant application represents part of that over-all strategy and I can't express how much I would like to encourage the review committee to select this project for funding.

So many times government will construct an asset in a community and leave the associative impacts for the local residents to deal with. This project represents a great opportunity for the agencies constructing the asset and the local residents, property owners and stakeholders to work in concert to address and minimize those negative impacts and leave a legacy that we all can be proud of. The completion of the North/South Corridor will be a significant accomplishment for this region. A revitalized Downtown Hillyard will make the North/South Corridor a significant community accomplishment.

I thank you for the time and efforts that you give in this endeavor and thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al French".

Al French  
Spokane City Council