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Honorable Matt Watkins, Mayor of Pasco
Pasco City Hall
525 N. Third Ave.
Pasco, WA 99301
Dear Mayor Watkins

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Pasco Lewis Street Project

I would like to take this opportunity to show police department support for the Lewis Street undercrossing project in seeking federal grant funding. This project is very important to our agency to provide emergency connectivity, safe multi-modal access, and a reliable way for the department to access the eastern part of our community from our main police station.

The current Lewis Street undercrossing of the BNSF rail yard, which was built in 1937, is a narrow undercrossing with an adjacent pedestrian pathway. The structure does not meet ADA requirements, is structurally deficient and does not meet design standards – with no shoulders and very narrow lanes. The City has been seeking funding to replace this undercrossing with an overcrossing that spans the rail yard and also provides a safe connection for bikes and pedestrians.

The need to replace the current underpass from a law enforcement perspective has been known for many years. It is our main link to the eastern half of our community and is accessed on a regular basis by emergency vehicles. The added time it would take in an emergency if this vital link were not available would be detrimental to our citizens.

We fully support the need for this overpass. If there is anything further we can do to assist in getting this funded and completed please let us know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Metzger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Robert Metzger
Chief of Police