



August 16, 2022

Mr. David Schumacher  
Office of Financial Management  
P.O. Box 43113  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Letter of Support for Stanwood  
Dike Repair Project

Dear Mr. Schumacher,

Island County Regional Transportation Organization (IRTPO) supports the City of Stanwood's efforts to make the necessary repairs to the dike system in Snohomish County. The City's sea dike is faced with significant repair costs as well as the safety of the community lying within the surrounding area. Performing the necessary infrastructure improvements to the dike system will significantly improve long-term impacts, including:

- Help control the riverbanks flow of water.
- Prevent flooding of the surrounding area.
- Long-term investment in community safety.

City of Stanwood residents are at high risk of experiencing flooding due to the condition of the dike. Any efforts to make the necessary repairs to the dike will be beneficial to the City of Stanwood as well as the surrounding communities.

I hope that you will strongly consider the City of Stanwood's request for funding to be included in the Governor's capital bill.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bacon  
IRTPO Chair and County Commissioner

Cc: Rick Larsen, Congressman  
Dave Paul, State Representative  
Jason Griffin, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians  
Derek Sandison, Department of Agriculture

Greg Gilday, State Representative  
Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council  
Tyler Breum, Diking District 7  
Sid Roberts, Mayor, City of Stanwood