

City of Ponderay

208-265-5468 • Fax: 208-265-4357
288 Fourth Street • P.O. Box 500
Ponderay, ID 83852
www.ponderay.org

July 17, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Lakeshore Connection Project - Build Grant Match Commitment

Secretary Chao,

Thank you for your efforts to improve rural communities like ours across the nation. At the July 16, 2018 meeting of the Ponderay City Council, the Council voted unanimously in support of committing \$80,000 toward matching funds for the 2018 Build Program – The Lakeshore Connection Project.

This is a transformative transportation project for our city and our region that Ponderay City Council has worked towards for many years. The City is committed to both the financial match commitment and administrative support necessary for successful project delivery. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Geiger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Geiger - Mayor

EQUINOX

FOUNDATION

THE EQUINOX FOUNDATION
benefiting the environment and youth of Bonner and Boundary Counties, Idaho.

June 15, 2018

Mayor Steve Geiger
City of Ponderay
288 Fourth St.
Ponderay, ID 83852

Dear Mayor Geiger,

My name is Julie Meyer and I am writing this letter on behalf of the Equinox Foundation. My sister, Susie Kubiak, and I had the opportunity recently to meet with Susan Drumheller of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail and your very own, City Planner, Erik Brubaker. We were thrilled to learn about the Lakeshore Connection Project.

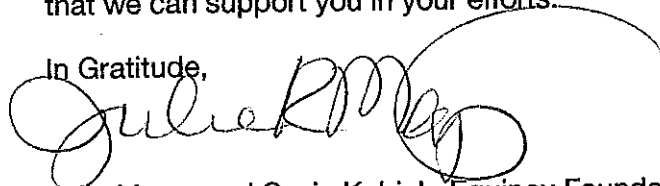
The Project is very exciting to the Equinox Foundation on all levels. We value healthy people and healthy community. It is part of our mission to support trails, open space and connectivity in Bonner and Boundary Counties.

We were funders of the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail in its inception and are excited to see that this movement to connect the City of Ponderay to its shore line property safely with the rail road underpass. This next step in connectivity most certainly will enhance the quality of life for the residence of Ponderay and all the surrounding Cities.

The Equinox Foundation would like to pledge 50,000.00 dollars to the Lakeshore Connection Project Build Planning Grant. It would be best for us that the funds be dispersed on or after January 1, 2019.

The Equinox Foundation is thrilled to see a small community such as yours considering nature and non motorized connectivity as essential ingredients to a healthy community. We are happy that we can support you in your efforts.

In Gratitude,



Julie Meyer and Susie Kubiak, Equinox Foundation

