



7/15/2025

Senator Lisa Wellman
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Dear Senator Lisa Wellman:

On behalf of the City of Mercer Island City Council, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your appropriation request and vote in support of the \$1.2 million dollars in state grant funding for the new Mercer Island Water Supply Pipeline Project in Washington State's Capital Budget.

This grant will be used to fund a portion of the construction of a critical infrastructure project that will ensure the ongoing supply of safe and reliable drinking water for Mercer Island residents well into the future. The new water supply line will substantially improve the water system's resiliency by being much stronger and more resistant to earthquakes. Additionally, the grant is expected to reduce the financial impact to the City's water fund and ratepayers on Mercer Island.

The project scope includes several water infrastructure improvements, as well as roadway and pedestrian enhancements to improve efficiency and scheduling and reduce overall construction impacts.

Thank you for your crucial work in securing this significant investment in our community and for your ongoing partnership in promoting the safety and wellbeing of Islanders.

Sincerely,

Salim Nice
Mayor