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Date: June 2, 2026

Honorable David Fink
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: BNSF Letter of Support & Commitment – Great Northern Rail & Corridor Safety Project (DOT# 058819S)

Dear Administrator Fink,

On behalf of the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency (SURA), I am pleased to provide this letter of financial commitment and support for the City of Sandpoint's application to the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Crossing Elimination Program for the Great Northern Road Rail & Corridor Safety Project.

SURA supports the City's proposed project to reconstruct Great Northern Road and improve safety, mobility, emergency access, and community connectivity in Sandpoint. A portion of the project includes railroad crossing elimination improvements, which are intended to reduce conflicts between rail, vehicles, pedestrians, and other users while supporting safer and more reliable transportation access through the corridor.

The Great Northern Road Rail & Corridor Safety Project is located within and/or directly benefits the Northern Urban Renewal District. The District was created and amended to address deteriorated conditions, support development potential, and increase tax revenue within the area. The proposed project is consistent with these purposes because it will reconstruct a critical transportation corridor, improve railroad crossing safety, enhance mobility and emergency access, and support long-term economic development within the District..

SURA understands that the City is requesting federal funding through the FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination Program and that a non-Federal local match is required. SURA confirms its commitment to provide local match funding for the project in an amount not to exceed \$6,200,000, subject to grant award, confirmation of eligible project costs, budget availability, and execution of any necessary funding agreement between SURA and the City of Sandpoint.

This commitment demonstrates SURA's partnership with the City and its support for advancing a project that will provide meaningful public benefits, including reconstruction of a critical local transportation corridor, improved safety at highway-rail and/or pathway-

rail crossings, improved mobility for people and goods, improved access across the rail corridor, and support for continued economic vitality in the community.

SURA appreciates the opportunity to support the City of Sandpoint's application and respectfully requests FRA's favorable consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Eric Paull
SURA Chair
Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency