



# SOUTH SOUND MILITARY & COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

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Dear Sirs,

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership shares many of the concerns expressed by several local government and community partners as a result of the recent Amtrak train derailment in DuPont. Community leaders have similar safety concerns and recommend not reinstating rail traffic in this corridor until all necessary safety measures are in place.

JBLM has both operational and safety concerns due to the on-grade crossing just off I-5 at exit 120 where the JBLM North gate is situated. I-5 traffic routinely backs up at this installation access point and this situation may become more acute with repeated high-speed, on-grade crossings at exit 120.

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership appreciates your prompt attention to this important transportation safety issue that affects the greater South Puget Sound.

Respectfully,

COL(R) William Adamson, USA  
Program Director  
South Sound Military & Communities Partnership

cc:

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