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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm that BC RideMatch is truly an innovative project for Bellevue College and the surrounding community. This project is part of the institution's efforts to become a leader in alternative transportation in the higher education sector. Since transportation is a major component of the institution's greenhouse gas emissions, BC stands to derive significant positive environmental returns from encouraging ride sharing among students, employees, and community members. BC RideMatch is unique from other online rideshare programs, in that it is both a campus database that allows users to see college students and employees and it integrates with the regional database so that users can interact with people not affiliated with the College if they choose. We created this project in partnership with the local transit authority and received a grant as the first higher education institution to do so. BC Ride Match increases the potential for program users to find a ride share, thus allowing for maximum carbon emissions reductions from driving.

Sincerely,



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