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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) supports of the City of Seattle's FASTLANE grant application for construction of the S Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project.

The SBAB was created by Seattle City Council resolution in 1977 to advise the Mayor, City Council and all City Departments on issues, policies and funding affecting people who ride bikes for transportation. We are the stewards of the adopted 2014 Seattle Bicycle Master Plan. We support the Lander project because, in addition to improving movement of goods locally and internationally, it will dramatically improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers at what is now a dangerous rail crossing. At the same time it will improve connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians attempting to reach the SODO light rail station and other transit facilities from job sites that range from the Starbucks headquarters to the Pacific NW Coast Guard headquarters to major freight terminals.

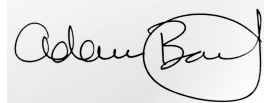
In our role as guardians of the Bicycle Master Plan Goals that include, Safety, Connectivity and Equity, we will collaborate with SDOT in shaping the S. Lander Street project final design, ensuring it meets the City's Complete Streets policy and ensuring that the overpass will safely accommodate bikes, especially to the light rail system and the SODO Multi-Use Trail that runs alongside the light rail tracks and will be extended by next year.

For the above-stated reasons, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board strongly urges your consideration and approval of the City's FASTLANE grant application for the South Lander St Grade Separation project.

Sincerely,



Kristi Rennebohm-Franz
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The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council
Resolution 25534