



March 15, 2012

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: City of Seattle MERCER WEST TIGER IV Application**

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Vulcan Inc. strongly supports the City of Seattle's funding request for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant for the Mercer West Project.

Our company is creating a nationally recognized model of urban development and sustainability in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood, where we are redeveloping over 60 acres. Carrying more than 70,000 people a day, Mercer Street is a major transportation corridor that runs through South Lake Union and supports the economic growth of our city and region.

The Mercer West Project will complete the final segment of the larger Mercer Corridor Project, and is the vital link that will make the entire east-west transportation system work. It is imperative to fund Mercer West immediately so that construction can be timed and coordinated with the Washington State Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement's North Access Project. These two projects, both sponsored by the city and state, must proceed together to reduce the community impact during construction and to ensure overall project costs are not severely impacted.

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The completion of the Mercer West project will directly enhance the connectivity between our development in South Lake Union and regional destinations like the Uptown neighborhood, the Seattle Center, the downtown waterfront, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Sincerely,

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Vice President  
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cc: Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
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