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

Re: City of Seattle MERCER WEST TIGER IV application

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to write in support of the City of Seattle's application for the US Department of Transportation TIGER grant. Funding from this grant will be dedicated to the Two-Way Mercer West project.

The Mercer Corridor is a critical transportation connection that carries more than 70,000 people a day. It has been a major traffic bottleneck in the Seattle area, limiting access to the maritime and manufacturing and industrial areas located in North Lake Union, the Seattle waterfront, the Seattle Center, and major federal and state highways.

The North Seattle Industrial Association (NSIA) represents hundreds of maritime, manufacturing and industrial companies that utilize the Mercer Street Corridor on a daily basis to transport goods throughout the Puget Sound Region. The improvement for West Mercer Street improves freight mobility, which has an economic impact of millions of dollars and hundreds of family-wage jobs.

Sincerely,



Eugene Wasserman
President North Seattle Industrial Association

cc:

Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Christine Gregoire
Congressman Jim McDermott
Mayor Mike McGinn, Seattle