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♣ March 10, 2012

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

Re: City of Seattle Mercer West Tiger IV Application

Dear Secretary LaHood

Last November, the Queen Anne Community Council wrote to urge that the Mercer West Project be fully funded. While progress is being made, \$16 million still is needed to complete the project and avoid complete gridlock on Mercer Street when the SR99 tunnel is completed. We urge that a Federal Tiger grant be awarded for the completion of this project.

Replacing the overpass at Mercer Street and Aurora Avenue is the most important element of this plan and the successful completion of the SR99 Tunnel depends on it. Failure to complete this project would result in gridlock and be a severe hardship for many residents and businesses in our neighborhood.

As we have stated before, this project is critical to Queen Anne and to the successful completion of the Viaduct Replacement Project. We urge that the US Department of Transportation act immediately and award a Tiger Grant to enable the Mercer West Project to be completed.

Sincerely,

Ellen Monrad
Chair, Queen Anne Community Council