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

RE: City of Seattle MERCER WEST TIGER IV Application

Dear Secretary LaHood,

In August 2009 we wrote to you urging support of the City of Seattle's TIGER grant application for the Mercer Corridor Project as a critical mobility project for Seattle and the Puget Sound Region.

The Two-Way Mercer West Project is a vital piece of the Mercer Corridor Project and we wholeheartedly support federal TIGER Grant funding. This phase of the project will provide over 500 direct jobs. Mercer West will carry 55,000 vehicles daily, extending street, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, improved transit connections, as well as improving freight mobility and access to the passenger cruise ship industry on Seattle's waterfront.

The Mercer West Project is critical to the economic competitiveness, livability, and sustainability of the Seattle area.

Sincerely,

David Freiboth
Executive Secretary

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

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