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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

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in support of the City of Seattle's application for the US Department of Transportation TIGER grant. This grant will be addressing the Two-Way Mercer West project.

The Mercer Corridor is an important transportation connection that carries many thousand people a day. The South Lake Union area, the Seattle waterfront, Seattle Center, and major federal and state highways are all hindered by the issues that beset the Mercer Corridor.

The Mercer West project, the second and final leg of a Mercer Corridor initiative, is especially vital for Seattle Center given that the initial leg, the Mercer East project, ends one block east of the Center. The completion of the second phase, the Mercer West project is vital to the many arts and community organizations and their thousands of patrons directly affected by the Mercer Corridor. We are certainly one of those organizations, here now for forty-six years.

The Two-Way Mercer Corridor is an important part of the success of other major transportation projects providing access for organizations such as our own, In particular the SR-99 Bored Tunnel. It will also make long overdue improvements for walkers and bikers alike as well.

Please support the City of Seattle's TIGER grant application. It is funds that will serve many, many Seattle citizens and the visitors to this city.

Sincerely,

Wally Bivins
Director, Pottery Northwest