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Re: Mercer Corridor Project TIGER grant application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing you to express our support for the City of Seattle's application for federal Recovery Act funding for the Mercer Corridor Project.

Cityice Cold Storage is a public refrigerated cold storage warehouse that provides storage and distribution for the North Pacific seafood industry. Having good freight mobility is critical to us and our customers. The Mercer Corridor project is a key component in the long term traffic management plan for Seattle. We are already suffering from heavy traffic congestion due to increased population and infrastructure degradation. The Mercer project will improve freight mobility as a vital link between our waterfront businesses and Interstate 5. For us to remain viable and competitive we need this key project to be completed quickly. With a number of other vital transportation projects depending on this vital link we are going to be in real trouble if this project is not completed and completed soon.

This is exactly the kind of project that should receive Recovery Act Funding. It is well thought out, it is supported by a broad base of constituents, it can be done quickly, it has an immediate benefit and it supports the long term infrastructure needs of the area.

This is a good project and we urge you to support it.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Suelzle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kim Suelzle
President
Cityice Cold Storage

Cc: Senator Patty Murray
Representative Jim McDermott
Mayor Greg Nickles

Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Christine Gregoire
Council President Richard Conlin