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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Seattle Northgate Non-Motorized Access to Transit and Education TIGER
Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The King County Department of Transportation is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Seattle's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation 2015 TIGER Discretionary Grants program. Funding from this grant will help to build a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across Interstate 5 (I-5) and greatly expand Seattle's bike share network.

King County supports the proposed pedestrian bridge that will provide a safer and direct connection across I-5 to King County Metro's Northgate Transit Center and the future Sound Transit Link Light Rail Station, also reducing the walking distance to North Seattle College from 1.2 miles to approximately 0.25 miles.

The expanded bike share network will provide critical last-mile non-motorized connections from area neighborhoods to the transit center and future light rail station, encouraging increased transit ridership on regional light rail and Northgate's many bus routes, and reducing single occupancy vehicle congestion on arterial streets surrounding major transit operation hubs throughout the City.

Additionally, the bridge and bike share network will result in lower emissions of greenhouse gases, fossil fuel consumption, and help to reduce the demand for parking near the transit center and light rail station, further reducing the costs required for construction of parking facilities and advancing City and regional goals to promote transit-oriented development.

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King County Department of Transportation supports the City of Seattle's Northgate Non-Motorized Access to Transit and Education TIGER proposal, and would strongly urge the U.S. Department of Transportation's consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senate
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, United States Senate
The Honorable Jim McDermott, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Edward Murray, City of Seattle