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Chris Leman, Chair
Ref Lindmark, Transportation Committee Chair
City Neighborhood Council
c/o Department of Neighborhoods
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Dear Mr. Leman and Mr. Lindmark:

As you know, thanks to the passage of the Bridging the Gap transportation levy last fall, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has new resources for the Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF).

For many years, we have had a successful partnership with the CNC and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to build projects identified and prioritized by Seattle's citizens. This year, SDOT, in partnership with DON, embarked on a process to use the new NSF funding to build larger projects and conduct broader outreach for the project selection process. We received over 500 project applications, which demonstrate a strong desire for resources to build both small and large neighborhood transportation projects.

Over the summer, the District Councils are dedicating time and effort to reviewing and prioritizing the small projects. At the same time, SDOT staff have begun to analyze the large projects for feasibility and cost. This work will continue throughout the summer. The feasible large projects will be displayed for public comment at a series of Open Houses in mid-September. Then, a Large Project Review Team of community volunteers will review the large projects and rank the projects for each of the three sectors of the city (north, central and south). The Large Project Review Team will receive briefings about the projects, take into account the community feedback received at the Open Houses, and make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council on which projects to fund.

I'm asking for your help in recruiting members for the Large Project Review Team. The Review Team will be composed of 17 members: one representative from each of the 13 districts, and 4 at-large members. We would like your help to solicit nominations for the district representatives through the District Councils, although the representative does not necessarily need to be a District Council member. We are currently in the process of



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creating a position description and tentative meeting dates, which will be available to help recruit members. We would like to have the team members identified by the end of July.

We would like to work with you to create a group of dedicated volunteers to serve on the Large Project Review Team. If you are willing to assist by soliciting nominations from the 13 Districts, please contact Thérèse Casper by June 29, 2007. She can be reached at 684-8764 or therese.casper@seattle.gov.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,


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