



April 5, 2016

The Honorable Ed Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle
Seattle City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue, 7th Floor
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Mayor Murray:

Sound Transit is very pleased to support the City of Seattle’s grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE program for the expedited South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project.

Sound Transit and the City always work to integrate and collaborate on capital project development on projects of mutual connection and benefit, and this project is no exception. Sound Transit’s Sounder commuter rail service operating in the BNSF corridor will benefit from the South Lander Street grade separation project. Right now, we operate ten round trips daily, and this fall, we will be adding an eleventh Sounder round trip. Next fall, we will be completing the investments approved by the voters in 2008 with the addition of two additional daily round trips, bringing the total Sounder round trips in corridor to thirteen. In addition, Sound Transit offers Sounder service for special events at the two professional sport stadiums in the vicinity of the South Lander project. There will be efficiency, safety and capacity benefits that come from separating vehicular and train traffic in this corridor, and we are pleased to support the City’s request for federal funding for this grade separation project.

The economic vitality of this region depends on the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. As Sound Transit continues to implement the voter approved projects and services, we are pleased to work with our partners at the City of Seattle on projects like the South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project.

Thank you for contacting Sound Transit about the City’s FASTLANE grant request.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Rogoff
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Lisa Wolterink, Senior Grants Manager

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