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The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 27, 2009

Re: Mercer Corridor Project TIGER grant application

Dear Secretary LaHood,

Over the past 5 years, we have worked as an electrical infrastructure installation contractor in the South Lake Union area. Over this period of time, we have seen many changes in this growing part of Seattle.

Currently the Gates Foundation and Amazon.com are building their world headquarters in this area. Additionally, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington Medicine Research Facility are expanding their campuses. In the past year, Microsoft and Group Health Co-Op have moved portions of their operations to the area.

In an effort to support the large influx of companies and personnel, hundreds of new residential living spaces have been created in the area. Multiple condo and apartment buildings have been built in the past 5 years to create an urban living community, with thousands of new jobs and housing to support these facilities.

With regards to the Mercer Corridor Project, it is critical that we now move ahead to construct the road and infrastructure improvements to support the revitalization of South Lake Union in a manner that helps expedite the movement of the 80,000 people a day that commute thru South Lake Union. Additionally, this project will help to support the new growth in this rapidly developing area. Currently the Mercer Corridor serves as one of the major East/West roadways from I-5, thru to Puget Sound and links the Port of Seattle to this major interstate highway. This roadway must be updated in order to keep the Port of Seattle competitive and to address the added traffic from the new jobs and residents that are moving into the area.

In closing, we are requesting your support of this very important project by moving to provide the support for funding. The Mercer Corridor Project satisfies the funding criteria as laid out by the US DOT

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and continues to support the many existing and new jobs, as well as the business & institutions which are expanding in the area.

Thank you,

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