



28 August 2009

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

Re: Seattle Mercer Corridor Project TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Seattle office of Perkins+Will Architects, we support the City of Seattle's pending application for Federal recovery funds to improve and reconstruct the Mercer Corridor in Seattle.

Our architectural firm Perkins+Will is actively involved in planning and designing research and educational facilities adjacent to the Mercer Corridor for the University of Washington School of Medicine. We are confident that the improvements and landscaping planned by the City will be very beneficial for this neighborhood in the South Lake Union district. Traffic, noise and pollution will be abated by this project, and we support it whole heartedly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kornovich".

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Cc:

Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Christine Gregoire
Seattle City Council President Richard Conlin