



The Center for People of All Races

A voice and a hub for the Latino community
as we advocate on behalf of our people
and work to achieve social justice.

Programs & Services

*With over 25,050 volunteer hours,
El Centro de la Raza serves 18,633
individuals and 9,387 families annually
through the following programs and
services:*

- Basic Healthcare Enrollment
- Bebes! Infant Mortality Prevention
- Café con El Centro
- César Chávez Demonstration Garden
- College Readiness
- Comadres
- Community Meeting Space
- Community Service
- Crisis Advocacy
- Cultural / Political / Social Events
- Economic Development
- ECR Transitional Housing
- El Patio Apartments
- Employment
- ESL Classes / Spanish Classes
- Financial Empowerment
- Food Bank
- Foreclosure Counseling
- Growing & Learning Together
- Homeless Assistance
- Healthy Cooking Classes /
Nuestras Comidas
- Hope for Youth Poetry & Civil Rights
- History Classes
- HUD Housing Counseling
- Immigrant / Human / Civil Rights Social
Justice Advocacy
- José Martí Child Development Center
- Latino Hot Meal Program
- Legal Clinic Site
- Local, State, National & International
Coalition Building
- Luis Alfonso Velásquez Flores
After School Program
- Parent-Child Home Program
- Plaza Roberto Maestas
- Santos Rodriguez Memorial Park
- Senior Nutrition & Wellness
- Senior Home Delivered Meals
- Smoking Cessation
- Tax Prep Site
- Transit Oriented Parking
- Veteran's Services
- Volunteerism
- Youth Case Management & Cultural
Enrichment
- Youth Employment
- Youth Technology Training
- Youth Violence Prevention

April 8, 2016

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

Re: City of Seattle - South Lander Street Grade Separation FAST Grant
Application

Estimado Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of El Centro de la Raza I am writing in support of the City of
Seattle's \$55 million FAST Grant application for the South Lander Street Grade
Separation project.

As is, South Lander Street is dangerous. It is dangerous for drivers, truckers,
pedestrians, bicyclists and commuters many of which are accessing
downtown and our neighborhood Beacon Hill. Fixing Lander Street will
increase safety by separating trains from people driving, walking and riding
bikes, ensure reliable access for public safety and emergency responders and
improve reliability for travel to Interstates 5 and 90 and other key corridors.
Furthermore it will create dependable access to one of the largest port
operations in the US, improve freight train movements for more than 3,000
rail cars each day and reduce truck delays, congestion and emissions for more
than 13,000 vehicles each day.

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We thank you for your consideration of the City's \$55 million application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional input. I can be reached at 206.957.4613 or email me to eortega@elcentrodelaraza.org.

Respetuosamente,



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Cc:

Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Patty Murray
Governor Jay Inslee
Congressman Jim McDermott

El Centro de la Raza is a voice and a hub for Seattle and Martin Luther King, Jr. County's Latino community as we advocate on behalf of our people and work to achieve social justice. Through our comprehensive programs and services, we empower members of the Latino community as fully participating members of society. We also work to raise awareness with the general public, and government, business and civic leaders about the needs of the Chicano/Latino community in the United States.