



August 26, 2009

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

Re: Mercer Corridor Project TIGER grant application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We are writing you in regards to the Mercer Corridor Project, we are asking for your consideration on the TIGER grant.

The Mercer Corridor is a major thorough fare that is used by our employees and our vendors daily. Due to the continual back-ups and traffic bottle necks in the Seattle area, caused by the Mercer Island mess, we lose precious time and money.

In today's tough economic times, these are costs that we're unable to recoup from our customers, also making it difficult to meet our contractual dead lines, which can be very costly.

Having this project completed will stimulate the local economy giving new companies business opportunities in the local area. This, in turn will increase revenues and construction that will offer more bids and work for our industry specific services.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Troy Thomas
Secretary-Owner

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Representative Jim McDermott
Mayor Greg Nickels

Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Christine Gregoire
Council President Richard Conlin