



August 28, 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:

Next year, Amazon.com will begin the process of moving its new corporate headquarters to six blocks in the heart of South Lake Union. Our new headquarters will include up to 11 new buildings on six blocks along Terry and Boren Avenues between Mercer and John Street totaling up to 1.6 million square feet. We expect to begin moving into our new office space in mid-2010, with full occupancy in 2011.

The Mercer Corridor is a critical transportation corridor in South Lake Union that carries more than 80,000 people a day, and we believe that the Mercer Corridor project is critical to keeping Amazon employees – as well as other people, goods and services – moving in the area and throughout the region. Federal Recovery Act Funding will enable the City to further improve mobility and access in these rapidly developing areas of our city center.

Amazon.com supports the City of Seattle's applications for funding of the Mercer Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Halladay". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Tim Halladay
Vice President, Finance Operations