



Bush, Roed & Hitchings, Inc.

Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors

August 25, 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:

Bush, Roed & Hitchings' corporate office, on South Lake Union, is located approximately one mile from the Mercer Corridor. We support the Mercer Corridor Project TIGER Grant Application.

Business Impact

Currently, our employee commute is impacted every day by the congestion on Mercer and surrounding streets. In addition, we operate up to 14 land survey crews – each crew with a fully equipped survey vehicle – in and out of our lot every day. Bottlenecked traffic results in time wasted by each vehicle on their way to a survey site, or returning to the office. This is a serious daily productivity loss, with resulting annual cost impacts, when added up over 14 vehicles.

City Impact

We also support the Mercer Corridor Project in principle. Our difficulties along the corridor are multiplied tens of thousands fold – by freight operators, tourists, residents, and general commercial vehicle operators . . . people using the arterial to access the city from both the north and the south. A revitalized corridor will considerably ease congestion, improve safety, and enhance city amenities, livability and attractiveness.

Please support Federal Recovery Act funding of the Mercer Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

BUSH, ROED & HITCHINGS, INC.



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cc:

Senator Patty Murray
Representative Jim McDermott
Mayor Greg Nickels

Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Christine Gregoire
Council President Richard Conlin