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

Re: City of Seattle Northgate Non-Motorized Access to Transit and Education TIGER application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

North Seattle College (NSC) would like to voice its strong support for the \$25,000,000 application by the City of Seattle for the Northgate Non-Motorized Access to Transit and Education application. The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recover (TIGER), Discretionary Grant Program is a great opportunity for NSC, the City of Seattle, transit providers and area businesses to come together in support of a sustainable transportation system, workforce development and safer access to medical, educational and economic activities.

The connection to the light rail station and the expanding Seattle bike share will significantly improve student access to the NSC campus, including the Opportunity Center for Employment and Education (OCE&E), a national model for employment and support services. It would also improve patient and medical staff access to the neighboring University of Washington Medicine's Northwest Hospital & Medical Center, a full-service area health provider. Direct, convenient non-motorized connectivity provided by the proposed bike share system will greatly enhance the safety and affordability of the Northgate area for its many students, residents and employees.

On a community scale, the pedestrian/bicycle bridge will reunite two portions of the Northgate regional growth center whose neighborhoods have been disconnected from each other by Interstate 5. This project would create a vital connection to the Northgate Link Light Rail and Transit Center Station area, dramatically improving east-west accessibility and providing direct access to employment, cultural and retail opportunities for the entire Northgate center.

The innovative planning partnership between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit is exemplary of thoughtful collaborative investment and commitment to good transportation and land use planning. North Seattle College is proud to support this effort and be a partner in helping to achieve this vital transportation project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren J. Brown".

Warren J. Brown, Ed.D.

President

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Governor Jay Inslee
Congressman Jim McDermott
Mayor Edward B. Murray, City of Seattle

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