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Re: City of Seattle NORTHGATE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE BRIDGE TIGER application

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The City of Seattle is applying for a U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER grant for the Northgate Link Light Rail Station Non-motorized Access Project, specifically the Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge.

Pedestrian infrastructure is on everybody's mind in our community as we lost a 17-year-old in a tragic pedestrian accident last week. She was a student of North Seattle College and was walking to a bus heading to the Northgate Transit station. Our neighborhood lacks in basic infrastructure like sidewalks so we need to do everything we can to make our area safer for pedestrians.

The Pinehurst Community Council has been working for years to move this project forward. We worked to secure funding from both the city of Seattle and Sound Transit for the proposed Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge. We need this grant to secure the rest and make sure the project can be finished.

This project has been in all the community planning that has been done over the years. Interstate-5 cuts our region in half in this area and there are few convenient ways around, especially for pedestrians and bikes. The bridge will connect the large college in the area with the regional mall and transit center as well as the future light rail station. The bridge would also expand access to regional medical facilities as well as parks. All the studies support that it is one of the best investments we can do in the area, in terms of bringing more riders to the station.

This TIGER FY 2014 grant would provide the remaining funds needed to construct these improvements, which have been acknowledged in a number of plans including:

- The Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (2007)

- Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan (2013)
- Puget Sound Regional Council's Growing Transit Communities effort
- PSRC's Regional Bike Network
- Northgate Urban Design Plan

Thanks,

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Governor Jay Inslee

Congressman Jim McDermott

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