

Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express the support of Northgate Mall Partnership for the City of Seattle's grant application for TIGER funds to construct a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Interstate 5.

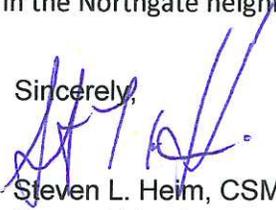
The proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge will provide a safer, easier pedestrian connection between communities on both sides of I-5.

We support the neighborhood's desire for more efficient ways for residents and employees to move between the east and west sides of I-5, and have more convenient access to restaurants, theaters, the library and other neighborhood attractions.

The bridge, with its direct connection to the Northgate Link station, will provide greater access to transportation options for a greater proportion of North Seattle. While the bridge would not alleviate the need for Sound Transit to increase the amount of parking planned at the Northgate Link light rail station to accommodate the large anticipated increase in car and motor traffic to the site, it will help pedestrians and bicyclists reach the station from a larger area more safely and pleasantly.

Thank you for considering federal funding support for the proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge in the Northgate neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Heim, CSM  
General Manager  
Northgate Mall

cc:

Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Governor Jay Inslee  
Congressman Jim McDermott  
Mayor Edward B. Murray Seattle