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

RE: City of Seattle Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge TIGER Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As chair of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB), I am writing in strong support of the City of Seattle's TIGER application for construction of the Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge with expanded bike-share network.

The SPAB was created to oversee Seattle's pedestrian master plan and advise the Mayor and City Council on issues affecting people on foot, in pursuit of the goal of making the city "the most walkable in the nation". The City's master plan identifies the need for this project, and it has benefited from our input as well as many other stakeholders.

Because TIGER grants are so competitive, past awards have gone to projects that are innovative in addressing more than one problem; that make the most of previous federal and other investment; and that provide ladders of opportunity for people of all incomes.

This project excels in meeting all of those criteria. The bridge and e-bike network will dramatically expand the destinations accessible by the new light rail service, safely and efficiently connecting people to educational opportunities, jobs, medical and other services. As the city promotes transit-oriented development around the station – further maximizing the investment – the pedestrian accessibility improvements are absolutely critical for success. The project benefits will extend beyond the physical bridge and positively impact business, housing, and economic activity in the entire area.

In addition to aligning with TIGER criteria and our pedestrian master plan, the project also fulfills the goals of your Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets. Seattle is a proud partner in this work. The Pedestrian Advisory Board is excited about the possibilities this project will create and strongly urges your consideration and approval of this application.

Sincerely,



David Goldberg, Chair  
Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

Cc: Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Maria Cantwell, Gov. Jay Inslee, Rep. Jim McDermott

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