

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

April 9, 2014

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The City of Mountlake Terrace would like to express its strong support for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) TIGER Discretionary Grant application for 2014, named "Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment – Seattle to Lynnwood".

The WSDOT application is for a planning grant that will identify opportunities to improve multimodal connectivity and mobility along the Interstate 5 corridor between Seattle and Lynnwood, Washington. The results of the study will be very valuable for local jurisdictions like ours to develop our own plans consistent with the region's adopted plan, Transportation 2040. Mountlake Terrace is bisected by Interstate 5, and has been selected as a location for a Light Rail station servicing the corridor.

With the upcoming Sound Transit Light Rail corridor running along the same alignment as Interstate 5 heading north from Seattle, Mountlake Terrace is working with Sound Transit to plan for the future. WSDOT intersection redesign will be necessary to accommodate the new system and there will be effects within local jurisdictions. Other plans such as the State's Growth Management Act will be affected, and local Comprehensive Plans will need to be updated, too.

TIGER funding is crucial to the needed planning that will ultimately maximize the potential of the Light Rail project. We strongly support WSDOT's application, and urge the Department of Transportation to award funding for this important project.

With thanks,



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