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

RE: Washington State Department of Transportation's Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment–Seattle to Lynnwood TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The King County Department of Transportation is pleased to support the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant program. Funding from this grant will be dedicated to the Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment–Seattle to Lynnwood project.

This project will identify opportunities to improve multi-modal connectivity and mobility within the Interstate 5 corridor between 130th Street in the City of Seattle and the State Route 524 interchange in the City of Lynnwood. This grant will help WSDOT, local jurisdictions, and transit agencies, including King County's Metro Transit Division, identify traffic management strategies, multimodal connections, and environmental enhancements that are beneficial to local communities and the Puget Sound region. By better integrating multi-modal improvements at these key locations, system efficiency can be improved while minimizing adverse impacts on adjacent communities.

This project will complement the region's Growing Transit Communities Strategy to support equitable transit communities along high-capacity transit corridors and the central Puget Sound region. The goals of this strategy are to attract more of the region's residential and employment growth near high-capacity transit, provide housing choices affordable to a full range of incomes near high-capacity transit, and increase access to opportunity for existing and future community members in transit communities.

I am pleased to support WSDOT's Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment–Seattle to Lynnwood, and would strongly urge the U.S. Department of Transportation's consideration of their application.

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Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor, State of Washington
The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senate
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, United States Senate
The Honorable Jim McDermott, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Rick Larson, United States House of Representatives