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Secretary Anthony Foxx  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment – TIGER VI Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Snohomish County is pleased to support the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) TIGER funding request for the Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment – Seattle to Lynnwood TIGER VI Application.

The Puget Sound regional transit provider, Sound Transit, is planning to use the I-5 right-of-way for an extension of its light rail system from Seattle to Lynnwood. They and local jurisdictions are pursuing Transit Orientated Developments (TODs), most of which will be located at the interchanges. Snohomish County has been actively involved for many years in planning and developing transit-oriented development nodes near I-5 interchanges. These areas have many advantages, but they also present challenges in the form of the increased traffic volumes and severe congestion during peak periods.

This funding will help WSDOT, local jurisdictions and transit agencies identify traffic management strategies, multimodal connections, and environmental enhancements for station areas located at I-5 interchanges. By better integrating multi-modal improvements at these key locations system efficiency can be improved and adverse impacts on communities minimized. Lessons learned from this study can be applied in the future to other I-5 interchanges as planning and development of Sound Transit's light rail system expands further up the I-5 corridor.

We urge your support for the WSDOT's TIGER VI funding application.

Sincerely,

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