The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: University of Washington Burke-Gilman Multi-Modal Connector TIGER V Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Seattle Children's is pleased to support the University of Washington's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER grant program and to join the University in the project as a funding partner.

As a part of our recent campus expansion, Seattle Children's pledged nearly $4,000,000 to our Livable Streets Initiative — an institutional investment in public transportation infrastructure. We are delighted that the University of Washington is also taking a leadership role in this arena by providing the first $8,000,000 of funding for the Burke-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector, a vital bicycle and pedestrian facility and connection to bus and light rail transit. In fact, we are pleased to make common cause with this effort by investing $120,000.

At Seattle Children's we believe that livable streets and safe, accessible active transportation choices will be a significant contributor to public health, reducing individual and social costs. This project will be an important part of delivering on that promise. Additionally, this active transportation corridor represents the last mile between Seattle Children's and the nearest substantial transit center. Relieving the constraint on this corridor is essential to our ability to safely, efficiently, and sustainably get employees to and from the hospital while avoiding adverse neighborhood impacts from employee trip making.

The University of Washington's TIGER application for the Burke-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector has our enthusiastic support and we strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation's consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

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Director of Sustainability & Transportation  
Seattle Children's

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