31 May 2013

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: University of Washington Burke-Gilman Trail TIGER V Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I respectfully request that you give all due consideration to the enclosed competitive Tiger V Department of Transportation grant application from University of Washington, located in Seattle, WA.

According to the University of Washington (UW), this funding would be dedicated to the Burke-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector project to make critical safety and functionality improvements to the portion of the Burke Gilman Trail that runs through the University’s Campus. The UW says this project will replace the cornerstone of the regional trails network with a modern connection and provide capacity for improved bicyclists and pedestrian safety. The UW also says this will enhance connections to the regional transit network and allow better, safer access to one of Seattle’s large economic centers and help meet growing demand for the trail. Without these improvements, the UW says increased usage will place a considerable burden on existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the University of Washington vicinity, which is already in a state of disrepair.

As the Representative of Washington’s Eighth Congressional District, I am pleased to facilitate the University of Washington’s request for support and ask that you give its application fair and thorough consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Zack Guill of my district office staff at (425) 677-7414 if I can provide you with additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress
Eighth District, Washington