May 24, 2013

The Honorable Raymond H. 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:

On behalf of the Pocock Rowing Center, I am writing in strong support of the University of Washington’s application for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program to finance construction of the Burke-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector.

Pocock Rowing Center has enjoyed a long history with the University of Washington (UW) as part of a robust Seattle rowing community. Not only are we in close proximity to the University (adjacent to the west end of the UW campus), but also have strong relationships with the athletic department and the rowing program in particular. Many of our staff and members have a history working with or rowing for the University.

Specific to this project, many if not most of our 400 members, as athletes, utilize this over-crowded portion of the Burke-Gilman trail regularly. The proposed replacement will allow our members to comfortably utilize the trail without fear of tree roots, conflicts with other users, or dicey intersections.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration. The University couldn’t be a greater asset to our community and to Seattle, and I strongly urge your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Matt Lacey  
Director, Pocock Rowing Center

Cc: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Governor Jay Inslee, Cong. Jim McDermott