June 1, 2013

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 City Light, the City of Seattle’s municipal electric utility, is pleased to write this letter in support of the University of Washington’s TIGER application for the Burke-Gilman Multi-Modal Connector as a funding partner.

Seattle City Light enjoys a substantial history working with the University of Washington, which is one of our largest customers. For this particular project, we are partnering with the University to increase power capacity and reliability to the University through a new duct bank from the west boundary of the campus to the power substation on 6th Avenue NE. The pathway for this in the Burke-Gilman Trail right-of-way. The estimated City Light budget to complete this new duct bank for the entire project for civil and electrical work is $2,400,000.

We are pleased to work in collaboration with the University as a “client” on this project and make a contribution to a final project that will be an important community asset for years to come. I strongly urge the Department of Transportation to look favorably upon this application.

Sincerely,

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City of Seattle

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