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 Subway strongly supports the University of Washington’s application for TIGER grant funding to improve the Burke-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector.

In three years, at the center of this trail project, a subway station will open as part of the University Link transit expansion, bringing tens of thousands of new daily transit users to the University of Washington. This will add thousands of new users to the Burke-Gilman, an already overcrowded facility. To make our $1.9 billion transit investment as cost effective as possible, we must expand the capacity of our non-motorized connections to the new station. Improving the Burke-Gilman is the single best way to improve station access and support an active, efficient transportation system.

Seattle Subway strongly urges USDOT to award the University’s full grant request.

Sincerely,

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