May 31, 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:

I am pleased to write in support of the University of Washington's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER grant program. Funding from this grant will be dedicated to the Burk-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector.

The Burk-Gilman Trail is a regional treasure. It is a major recreation, transportation, and nature corridor and the most heavily-used trail in Washington state. However, in recent years, the trail's growing popularity has led to overcrowding and conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Additional development, including a new light rail station, is anticipated to dramatically increase trail demand.

With the Burk-Gilman Trail Multi-Modal Connector, the University of Washington is planning for the region's active transportation future. New light rail stations, high-density residential living, and expansions of the bicycle and pedestrian networks continue to transform the region and encourage walking and bicycling. The connector complements these efforts by creating a world-class transportation recreation, and nature corridor in the heart of the region.

Our support of this program is very important at Zipcar as our ultimate goal is to have more carsharing residents than there are car owners. The only way to get people out of their own cars is to support all modes of transportation including all those mentioned above. Most importantly the ability to meet those needs at the right time and this is that opportunity. The Burke Gilman trail connector will continue to support this goal. We are all about helping to make the city we live in a better place to live where we can be healthier in everything we do. This supports that by enabling access to all modes of transportation in a beautiful environment which is such a Pacific Northwest blessing.

Sincerely,

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Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
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