October 31st, 2011

Ray LaHood - Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Mountlake Terrace, WA “Main Street” Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am writing in support of the TIGER III Program grant application that the City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington is submitting for a “Main Street Reconstruction Project” in the City’s downtown core.

This project will revitalize an economically distressed downtown “Main Street” (56th Avenue West) and encourage the development of mixed use housing in the Mountlake Terrace Town Center. The project includes utility improvements, as well as better pedestrian connections to a major Transit Station along Interstate 5. The City’s goals for this project include the creation of 800 mixed-use multifamily housing units.

Additional housing in a convenient, transit-friendly location, such as Mountlake Terrace, is important to our region.

I urge your strong consideration of the grant application from the City of Mountlake Terrace, and thank you for your efforts in support of providing infrastructure that makes affordable and sustainable housing more achievable.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Davis
Executive Director