October 24, 2011

Secretary Raymond LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the City of Mountlake Terrace to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III program. Funding from this program would be used to complete the construction of a critical corridor in the City’s downtown core.

The City of Mountlake Terrace is requesting $12,077,062 to finalize construction of the City’s main corridor. The project will greatly improve connectivity, encourage use of the regional transit center, and spur transit-oriented development in the adjacent Town Center Zone and Freeway Transit Zone. Completion of this project is part of a larger effort to revitalize the economically distressed downtown of the City of Mountlake Terrace. The City’s goals for this revitalization project include the creation of 1,400 new jobs and 800 mixed-use multifamily housing units.

Success of this project will vastly improve the transportation in the city core of Mountlake Terrace. Thank you for your consideration of the application. Please contact Amanda Brothers in my Seattle office at (206) 553-5545 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
United States Senator