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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 9, 2010

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

RE: Southeast Corridor Project: Connecting Communities TIGER II Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write in support the Southeast Corridor Project: Connecting Communities TIGER II grant proposal. The five intermodal components of this proposal build on the tremendous success of the Clinton Bike Boulevard, which has 2,500 bike trips a day. This proposal will help create more vibrant and livable communities by improving access through a busy industrial corridor.

Improved integration of freight, bike, pedestrian and transit modes address several important livability issues in our community. The bicycle and pedestrian options supported by this project will provide cost-effective solutions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. These connections will reduce auto congestion in neighborhoods with busier arterials and ease the movement of freight into and out of the Central Eastside Industrial District and the Brooklyn Rail Yards—key employment generators.

In addition to the livability benefits, this project also serves to increase healthy choices in our neighborhoods and help residents reduce their family's budget for transportation and parking. Active transportation alternatives help neighborhoods become healthier while making routine trips to schools, parks, commercial areas and employment.

This is an important opportunity to improve the region's livability and thus I encourage you to fund the Southeast Corridor Project: Connecting Communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jules Bailey', written over a horizontal line.

Jules Bailey
State Representative

