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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As Chair of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) and on behalf of the full board, I am writing in strong support of the City of Seattle’s FASTLANE grant application for construction of the S Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety Project.

The SPAB was created by Seattle City Council resolution in 1993 to advise the Mayor, City Council and City departments on matters related to pedestrians, including the impact that City actions may have on the pedestrian environment. We are the stewards of the adopted Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan, which is in the process of a major update. We support the Lander project because, in addition to improving movement of goods locally and internationally, it will dramatically improve safety for pedestrians and other users at what is now a dangerous rail crossing. At the same time it will improve connectivity for pedestrians attempting to reach the SODO light rail station and other transit facilities from job sites that range from the Starbucks headquarters, to the Pacific NW headquarters for the US Coast Guard, to nationally significant seaport terminals.

Not only does the board support the Lander project but, in our role as guardians of the Pedestrian Master Plan and its goals that include vibrancy, equity and health, we will collaborate with SDOT in shaping the final design, ensuring it meets the City’s Complete Streets policy and ensuring that the overpass will safely meet the needs of pedestrians whether they are trying to connect to the regional transit system, the SODO multi-use trail, a sporting event, an employment site or a place of business. The Lander project will offer an opportunity for both pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely through the intersection with proper lane barriers.

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For the above-stated reasons, the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board strongly urges your consideration and approval of the City’s FASTLANE grant application for the South Lander St Grade Separation project.

Sincerely,

Joanne Donohue

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