

**COLUMBIA CORRIDOR**  
A S S O C I A T I O N

September 28, 2011

Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express support from Columbia Corridor Association for the joint TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. This grant application for road improvements around the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) will significantly enhance employment, freight mobility, and community livability in the Portland, Oregon area.

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) works to improve prosperity in the Columbia Corridor, a gateway for international shipping, air freight, intercontinental trucking and rail. We have been a strong supporter of infrastructure improvements that improve freight mobility, access industrial lands and sustain and create jobs. CCA encourages support for the Tiger III funding requests to improve transportation options in the Corridor.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in an increasingly constrained Portland metropolitan area. It is a brownfield site that the Port of Portland and City of Troutdale are transforming into a productive, job-generating industrial district. At the same time, the Port and City are carefully designing the development to also unlock the recreational and natural habitat potential of the surrounding area.

The TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port, the City, and the Oregon Department of Transportation would complete the critical components necessary to fully develop the industrial park. The road, bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and stormwater improvements that would be funded by the TIGER III grant would open it up to additional businesses and jobs, transportation options, recreational opportunities, and natural habitat restoration. With this grant, the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park would become an even more valuable, balanced community asset.

I hope you will give serious consideration to this application for the TRIP improvement project.

Sincerely,



Corky Collier  
Executive Director