



COUNCILOR SHIRLEY CRADDICK, DISTRICT 1

October 24, 2011

The 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 my support for the joint TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. As the District 1 Councilor for Metro, the metropolitan planning organization for the Portland, Oregon region, I wholeheartedly support investments that contribute to the livability and economic competitiveness of our region. The road improvements around the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) that will be funded through this grant will significantly enhance employment, freight mobility, and community livability in the Portland, Oregon area. Beyond the local benefits, this project will support the development of an export corridor of state and national significance.

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 asset to the local community and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration of my views in this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Craddick  
Metro Councilor, District 1