

# *East Multnomah County Transportation Committee*

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October 6, 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 the support of the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) for the TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. This grant application to improve roads around the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) will significantly enhance employment, freight mobility, and community livability in the region.

EMCTC is the transportation coordinating committee for the eastern portion of Multnomah County. The Committee helps set transportation policies and funding priorities for East Multnomah County. EMCTC recognizes the importance of the road and trail improvements this TIGER III grant would provide.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in an increasingly constrained Portland metropolitan area. Port of Portland and City of Troutdale are transforming this brownfield site 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 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.

Thank you for considering EMCTC's endorsement in this matter.

Sincerely,



Diane McKeel  
Multnomah County Commissioner  
Chair, East Multnomah County Transportation Committee