



September 27, 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,

As Mayor of the City of Fairview, 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. 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 continued development of TRIP represents a huge win for East County communities and the state from both an economic development and livability perspective. This project will improve the roadway network serving the industrial area and future developments in phases two and three of the project. These improvement will have a multi-modal features which will provide our residents with pedestrian, bicycle and other transportation options connecting our community to Blue Lake Park, Chinook Landing Marine Park, Sandy River Delta, and Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. TIGER III funding will help realize the full potential of the site and represent an immediate economic gain for our area. The City of Fairview looks forward to the future quality development of the Port of Portland property located within the City of Fairview as I am confident this will continue to enhance the economic and livability for all citizens of Portland and East Multnomah County.

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 of Troutdale 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 of Troutdale, 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 would be funded by the TIGER III grant and 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 east county community asset.

It is our hope that Fairview residents will benefit from job opportunities and tax base from TRIP development.

We urge the Department of Transportation to support this application.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Weatherby  
Mayor, City of Fairview