



October 25, 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:

On behalf of FedEx Corporation, including FedEx Ground, and the 2,500 FedEx employees and contractors who live and work in the State of Oregon, I am writing to express our support for the Port of Portland's, ODOT's, and City of Troutdale's joint TIGER III grant application for the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP). It is our hope that the Department of Transportation will favorably consider this proposal to enhance freight mobility and community livability in this region.

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 and City 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.

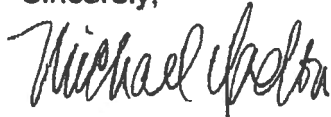
The TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port, ODOT, and the City would complete some of the critical components necessary to fully develop the industrial park. The road, bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and stormwater improvements that would be funded by the TIGER III grant would enable TRIP to provide additional businesses and jobs, transportation options, recreational opportunities, and natural habitat restoration. With this grant, TRIP would become a valuable, balanced community asset.

FedEx Ground, the small-package ground unit of FedEx Corporation, was awarded an Oregon Brownfield Award for the work done in helping to transform this Troutdale site into a \$129 million state-of-the-art package sortation hub.

The new FedEx Ground hub is located on 78 acres within the Port of Portland's 693-acre TRIP that was once the home of a Reynolds Metals aluminum smelter. The first occupant in the industrial park, FedEx Ground is returning a once contaminated parcel to productive use.

Thank you for your consideration of our views in support of this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Yadon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Yadon  
Senior State and Local Government Affairs Representative  
FedEx Corporation

cc: AJ Sain, Staff Vice President  
FedEx Corporation Government Affairs