



Board of County Commissioners
MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 600
Portland, Oregon 97214
503-988-

February 28, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our support for the Port of Portland and City of Troutdale's joint TIGER IV grant application for the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP). This proposal has the real potential to have a positive impact on freight mobility and community livability, and we hope that the Department of Transportation will favorably consider it during its review process.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in an increasingly constrained Portland metropolitan area. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, we recognize the needs of this community and the impact that TIGER IV grant funding could make on business and citizens throughout our region. TRIP is a brownfield site that the Port and City are transforming into a productive, job-generating industrial district. East Multnomah County needs economic development and, with full build-out, TRIP can bring 3,500 jobs to the area. In addition, the remaining 334 acres hold recreational and natural habitat potential through open space and trail use.

The TIGER IV grant application submitted by the Port and the City would complete important infrastructure elements necessary to develop the industrial park for further job creation and business investment as well connect the property to our regional trail system and surrounding natural resources. This site is a community asset with significant near-term potential worthy of this grant.

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Cogen
Chair

Deborah Kafoury
District 1

Loretta Smith
District 2

Judy Shiprack
District 3

Diane McKeel
District 4