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Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) is a multi-disciplined statewide group providing input to the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Department of Transportation on freight mobility issues involving Oregon's multimodal transportation system. The OFAC strongly supports the joint TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation because our membership believes this project for road improvements around the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) will significantly improve freight mobility in the Portland, Oregon area.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in an increasingly constrained Portland metropolitan area. The land parcel is a brownfield site that the Port of Portland and City of Troutdale are transforming into a productive, job-generating industrial district. 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. With the road, bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and stormwater improvements that would be funded by the TIGER III grant, the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park would become an even more valuable community asset.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Martin Callery
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