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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 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.

Sandy Drainage Improvement Company (SDIC) is a drainage district organized under Oregon State Statute (ORS 554) located in Multnomah County, Oregon, near Troutdale, and extends along the Columbia River between miles 119.0 and 121.5. The downstream (western) end of the District adjoins Multnomah County Drainage District No. 1 at Campbell Road. The east boundary extends upstream along the left (west) bank of Sandy River 2 ½ miles to the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge. The Union Pacific Railroad forms the southern or landward boundary. The District contains about 1,556 acres, all of which are improved.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in SDIC and 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 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 that would

be 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 your consideration of my views in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hendricks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Executive Director,  
Dave Hendricks, SDIC, MCDD