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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:

On behalf of the City Council, and all citizens in Wood Village, 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 improve the economy and livability of our region.

Wood Village is a community of 3,810 individuals located immediately south of the proposed improvements. Wood Village is a diverse community, with relatively high unemployment and low relative median income levels. We have a number of residents actively seeking employment, and we need job creation in our region. The grant being sought will prepare lands for potential employers, and give us a collective opportunity to market our region and create the badly needed jobs for our residents.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in the Portland metropolitan region. Wood Village was originally a defense housing project in support of the then ALCOA aluminum plant (subsequently identified as the Reynolds Aluminum plant). The community has been dependent from its formation on the properties now identified as TRIP. We are proud to be a partner and to endorse this application to transform the former aluminum plant site, now a brown field, into a productive, job-generating industrial district, with 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 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.

We urge your favorable consideration for this project.

Sincerely,

Patricia Smith  
Mayor  
City of Wood Village