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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: TIGER Grant Requests by Oregon DOT

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The 31 members of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation—representing cities, counties, labor unions, school districts, private businesses and citizens—write in support of ODOT's three TIGER grant applications for the Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project, Historic Columbia River Highway and North Portland Rail Junction.

These multimodal, multi-jurisdictional projects represent significant opportunities for federal investment in Oregon's economic prosperity, environmental responsibility and social equity.

The Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project will provide sidewalks, separated bicycle facilities and other safety improvements to a dangerous stretch of an urban arterial through some of Oregon's most diverse neighborhoods and highest concentrations of poverty. The Historic Columbia River Highway, America's first scenic highway, is being reconnected as a bicycle and pedestrian trail through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, providing tourism benefits to rural communities and access to several of the Pacific Northwest's natural wonders. The North Portland Rail Junction will increase fluidity and functionality at an integral junction, providing better speeds and decreased delay for both freight and passenger trains.

The members of the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation thank you for your full and fair consideration of ODOT's applications to construct these important projects.

Sincerely,

Roy Rogers
Chair, Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation