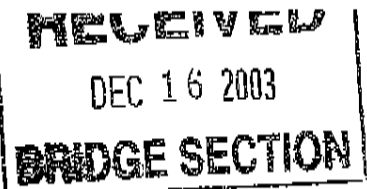


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Public Works

December 12, 2003

Bob Thompson
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RE: OTIA III Bridge Funding – Polk County Applications

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Please consider our comments in response to Mr. Tindall's letter of request dated November 24, 2003.

I believe that Polk County has submitted the desired information with our initial applications. In order to gather the appropriate truck data, Polk County used tube counters at each of our bridge locations. This generated data based on number of axles and axle spacing. I believe the data we gathered is reliable. Naturally, if you need any additional information or clarification, please contact me at (503) 623-9287.

One of our bridges, Greenwood Road (53C029) has a Truck AADT of 41. I believe that Greenwood Road will become a more heavily used road in the future by large farming equipment once the overpass is constructed over highway 22. The overpass project is currently in the planning stage and I do not have reliable projections on how this might change the movement of farming equipment off the highways onto Greenwood Road. This bridge will carry a lot more farming equipment in the future. For the purpose of our application, the truck data is based on current traffic only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron M. Geisler".

Aaron M. Geisler
Public Works Director