

Letters of support US Highway 26- Helvetia/ Brookwood Parkway Interchange Improvement Project are attached from the following local governments and businesses.

1. Gail Achterman, Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission
2. Bob Beisner, Vice President SolarWorld
3. Andy Duyck, Vice Chairman Washington County Board of Commissioners
4. Jerry Wiley, Mayor of the City of Hillsboro
5. Tom Imeson, Port of Portland Public Affairs Director
6. Michael Lindsey, Vice President Tokyo Ohka Kogyo America Inc.
7. Deanna Palm, Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce
8. Jim Petsche, Director of Corporate Facilities, Nike Foundation
9. Frank J. Spangler, President CEO Tokai Carbon USA
10. Nancy Treul, Farmers Insurance Co.
11. Morgan Anderson, Intel Oregon Government Affairs Manager
12. Donna Ragan, TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc.
13. Howard Larson, Colliers International
14. Jonathon Schlueter, Executive Director of the Westside Economic Alliance



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Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Oregon Transportation Commission
355 Capitol St. NE, Room 135
Salem, OR 97301

September 10, 2009

Ms. Lana Hurdle
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
Mr. Joel Szabat
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER Grant application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange Improvements

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

The Oregon Transportation Commission is pleased to concur in the City of Hillsboro/Oregon Department of Transportation application for TIGER Grant funding for the US 26/Shute Road Interchange project. This project would make significant improvements to an important interchange in order to provide the transportation capacity necessary for the development of more than 800 acres of industrial land.

As the State of Oregon's top transportation policy body, the Commission focused its analysis of potential TIGER grant applications on the project's benefits to the state's transportation system. After reviewing this proposal, we concur that the project has strong potential to benefit Oregon's transportation system.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

Gail Achterman
Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission

Sept. 10, 2009



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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

SolarWorld Industries America is concerned about its potential economic growth in Washington County in light of needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26.

We are committed to investing \$500 million to reach 500 MW in annual production capacity and 500 employees by 2011 at our site at the intersection of Shute and Evergreen roads. Furthermore, we possess 97 acres at our site and we occupy less than half, strategically leaving us room to grow. But as our site is located essentially one stoplight from the Highway 26-Shute Road exchange, we are concerned about the intersection's potential constraints on employee commuting and cargo transport at the site.

Further, we understand that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas, including unoccupied sites near SolarWorld, is strategically important to encourage economic success for the region and the state. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities. We know that the City of Hillsboro has been working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Washington County over the past 9 months in developing a proposed solution.

As a result of these considerations, SolarWorld supports the proposed interchange capacity expansion, and it requests a priority be placed on making these improvements. The access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of business success throughout the area, and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,

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Bob Beisner
Vice President, SolarWorld



September 8, 2009

Ms. Lana Hurdle
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Mr. Joel Szabat
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Hwy. 26/Shute Road Interchange in Washington County, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

As Washington County Commissioner for District 4, I strongly support the Oregon Department of Transportation and City of Hillsboro *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)* grant request to fund improvements to the Hwy. 26/Shute Road interchange in Washington County, Oregon.

The interchange and associated off-highway improvements would provide significant economic benefits to Washington County by serving Hillsboro's developing industrial area, while enhancing access to major international businesses such as Intel, Genentech and SolarWorld. Traffic congestion at this interchange, however, has become a problem as the interchange is now estimated to be operating at 98 percent of its capacity. This congestion not only impedes access to existing businesses, but also creates uncertainty about the future for those businesses wanting to locate in this area.

I believe that this request convincingly meets the primary intent of the federal Recovery Act to provide for desirable long-term outcomes for the Portland metropolitan area concerning economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability and safety. Moreover, a strong partnership is developing around this project, as seen by the Oregon Legislature's recent award of \$45 million in state funds for this project, complemented with an additional \$550,000 in City of Hillsboro traffic impact fees. Most importantly, the proposed improvements will preserve existing jobs and stimulate the creation of additional jobs in an area that is forecasted to accommodate 20,000 employees in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important funding request.

Sincerely,

Andy Duyck, Vice-Chairman
Washington County Board of Commissioners

CITY OF HILLSBORO



September 4, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Hwy 26 / Shute Road Interchange
TIGER Grant Application Funding Request

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to seek your support for TIGER Grant funding for the Highway 26/Shute Road Interchange located in Hillsboro, Oregon.

This project is essential to the future economic vitality of the Portland region, and to the State of Oregon's fiscal health. Located in the heart of Hillsboro's industrial district, the Shute Road interchange serves such major international companies as Intel (high tech), SolarWorld (solar energy), and Genentech (bio-pharma). We are focusing our business developments on these industry clusters – clusters that are vital to the future not just of our regional economy, but of the nation as a whole. With more than 700 acres of vacant industrial land served by this interchange, we have the land capacity and master plans in place to add at least 20,000 trade-sector family wage jobs, in turn generating substantial income tax revenues for our State (which like most states is struggling during the current economic downturn). Adequate current and future freight and employee movement capacities along U.S. Highway 26, particularly at the Shute Road Interchange are essential to the growth of these industry anchors in Hillsboro/Oregon as well as the many other local companies near these businesses that support them.

The City of Hillsboro, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Washington County have identified the critical need to expand the travel/traffic volume capacities at the Shute Road Interchange. It now operates at 98% of capacity. Failure to increase capacity of this interchange will seriously curtail our ability to attract new

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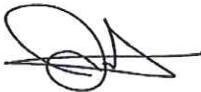
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The City of Hillsboro appreciates this opportunity to express our support for this critical investment and submit it for your consideration.

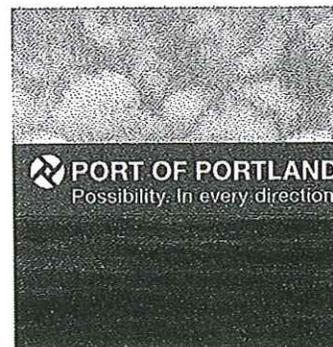
Sincerely,

CITY OF HILLSBORO



Jerry W. Willey
Mayor

Mission: To enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets.



August 31, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Port of Portland owns and operates the second busiest airport in the state of Oregon within the city of Hillsboro just south of Shute Road. We appreciate the value of economic growth in the area both to our own facility as well as for the economic health of the region and state. We understand that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is a critical element for economic success and potential barriers include needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities on lands surrounding this interchange.

Our partners at the City of Hillsboro have worked actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County in developing a plan to improve the capacity at the Shute Road interchange and U.S. 26. We feel these improvements will be critical to the continued success of our company and also to new companies moving into the Hillsboro industrial area.

The Port of Portland supports the proposed expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. Ease and timeliness of access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of businesses succeeding in this time of economic downturn and recession, and we believe this project will support economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,

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Tom Imeson
Public Affairs Director

cc: Jerry Willey, Mayor, City of Hillsboro
Tom Brian, Chair, Washington County Commission

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August 19, 2009

Ms. Lana Hurdle
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Mr. Joel Szabat
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RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

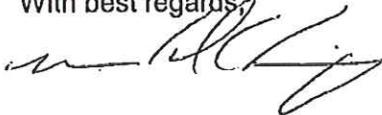
Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

Tokyo Ohka Kogyo America, Inc. is greatly concerned about the potential economic growth in Washington County, and the needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. We understand that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is strategically important to encourage economic success for the region and the state. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities.

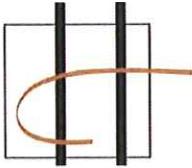
We know that the City of Hillsboro has been working actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County over the past 9 months in developing a proposed solution. We at Tokyo Ohka Kogyo America, Inc. feel that the interchange improvements will be critical to our success as well as new companies moving into Hillsboro's industrial area.

Tokyo Ohka Kogyo America, Inc. supports the interchange capacity expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. The access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of business success throughout the area and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,



Michael C. Lindsay
Vice President
Tokyo Ohka Kogyo America, Inc.



Greater Hillsboro Area
Chamber of Commerce

August 24, 2009

Ms. Lana Hurdle
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
Mr. Joel Szabat
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

The Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce is greatly concerned about the potential economic growth in Washington County, and the needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. We understand that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is strategically important to encourage economic success for the region and the state. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities.

We know that the City of Hillsboro has been working actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County over the past 9 months in developing a proposed solution. The Hillsboro Chamber and our business members believe that the interchange improvements will be critical to our continued success as well as new companies moving into Hillsboro's industrial area.

The Chamber supports the interchange capacity expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. The access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of business success throughout the area and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Deanna Palm
President



August 19, 2009

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
Mr. Joel Szabat
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

Hillsboro and its businesses play a vital role in the regional and state economy, especially in this time of downturn and recession. The ability to locate new or expanding businesses in our industrial areas is a critical element for economic success. Potential barriers to that ability include needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange and U.S. Highway 26. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities on land surrounding this interchange. This is of great concern to the Nike Foundation as our land is in close proximity to the actual interchange and would be impacted a great deal by a capacity failure.

The Helvetia/Shute Road area is a critical mobility access point, currently serving over 25,000 employees working at Intel, Genentech, SolarWorld, TriQuint Semiconductor, and any potential new employer on our undeveloped land. Since the Nike Foundation property is the largest single undeveloped property within the UGB we think it is critical to improve the infrastructure at this very important interchange.

In addition to economic advantages, the livability and safety benefits are equally as important to the success of this area. By restoring capacity at the interchange, livability will be improved through the reduction of morning and evening commute times and safety concerns will be addressed as the interchange capacity is currently near its maximum.

We feel that these improvements will be critical to the continued success of our company, and also to help attract new companies to Hillsboro's industrial area.

The ease and timeliness of access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of business success in this key economic area. We support improvements to the interchange and we request that these improvements be prioritized in any funding requests or expenditures. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,

Jim Petsche, P.E.
Director, Corporate Facilities
Representing the Nike Foundation

August 19, 2009

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RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

Tokai Carbon USA is greatly concerned about the potential economic growth in Washington County, and the needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. We understand that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is strategically important to encourage economic success for the region and the state. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities.

We know that the City of Hillsboro has been working actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County over the past 9 months in developing a proposed solution. We at Tokai Carbon USA feel that the interchange improvements will be critical to our success as well as new companies moving into Hillsboro's industrial area.

Tokai Carbon USA supports the interchange capacity expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. The access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of business success throughout the area and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,

 Digitally signed by Frank J. Spangler
Date: 2009.08.20 12:26:07 -0700

Frank J. Spangler
President / CEO
Tokai Carbon USA, Inc.

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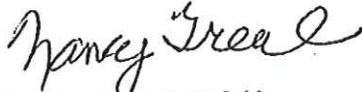
Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

A year ago, Farmers Insurance Company relocated to Hillsboro, in August 2008. Farmers Insurance understands that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is a critical element for economic success for the region and the state. The Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26 is of great concern to us. It is extremely difficult to exit on and off this interchange at several times during the day. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding employment opportunities on the land surrounding this interchange.

Our partners at the City of Hillsboro have worked actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County to develop a plan to improve the capacity at the Shute Road interchange and US 26. We believe that these improvements are critical to the continued success of Farmers Insurance and also to new companies moving into this area of Hillsboro.

Farmers Insurance supports the proposed expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. Ease and timeliness of access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of businesses succeeding in this time of economic downturn and recession, and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,



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August 19, 2009

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RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

Intel understands that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is a critical element for economic success for the region and the state. Potential barriers to that ability include needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. This is of great concern to Intel. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities on lands surrounding this interchange.

Our partners at the City of Hillsboro have worked actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County in developing a plan to improve the capacity at the Shute Road interchange and US 26. We feel that these improvements will be critical to the continued success of our company and also to new companies moving into the Hillsboro industrial area.

Intel supports the proposed expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. Ease and timeliness of access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of businesses succeeding in this time of economic downturn and recession, and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

With best regards,

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Morgan Anderson
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August 17, 2009

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Mr. Joel Szabat
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. understands that the ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro's industrial areas is a critical element for economic success for the region and the state. Potential barriers to that ability include needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange with U.S. Highway 26. This is of great concern to TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities on lands surrounding this interchange.

Our partners at the City of Hillsboro have worked actively with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and Washington County in developing a plan to improve the capacity at the Shute Road interchange and US 26. We feel that these improvements will be critical to the continued success of our company and also to new companies moving into the Hillsboro industrial area.

TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. supports the proposed expansion, and we request a priority be placed on making these improvements. Ease and timeliness of access to U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road is an important element of businesses succeeding in this time of economic downturn and recession, and we believe this project will stimulate economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Warm Regards,

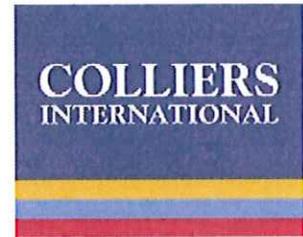
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Howard Larson
Industrial Broker

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RE: TIGER Grant Application for US 26/Shute Road Interchange in Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Ms. Hurdle and Mr. Szabat:

As an industrial land and facility specialist for Colliers International, I am actively involved with many of the major manufacturers who are looking to expand in, or move their business to, Hillsboro.

Hillsboro and its businesses play a vital role in the regional and state economy, especially in this time of downturn and recession. The ability to locate new or expanding businesses in Hillsboro industrial areas is a critical element for economic success. Potential barriers to that ability include needed capacity improvements at the Shute Road Interchange and U.S. Highway 26. As this interchange nears capacity, it is rapidly becoming an encumbrance to expanding industrial employment opportunities on land surrounding this interchange. This is of great concern to Colliers International.

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In addition to economic advantages, the livability and safety benefits are equally as important to the success of this area. By restoring capacity at the interchange, livability will be improved through the reduction of morning and evening commute times and safety concerns will be addressed as the interchange capacity is currently near its maximum.

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With best regards,

Howard Larson
Industrial Broker
Colliers International



CITY OF HILLSBORO



September 4, 2009

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US Department of Transportation
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TIGER Grant Application Funding Request

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The City of Hillsboro appreciates this opportunity to express our support for this critical investment and submit it for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CITY OF HILLSBORO



Jerry W. Willey
Mayor

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July 28, 2009

Gail Achterman
Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Achterman and Commissioners,

Re: TIGER Grant Request For Highway 26 / Shute Road Interchange

Westside Economic Alliance is pleased to support and recommend the grant application submitted by the City of Hillsboro and ODOT Region 1 for Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding of the Highway 26 / Shute Road interchange in Washington County. The additional funding requested with this application is needed to complete the estimated \$70 million project costs, and will compliment \$45 million recently approved by the Oregon Legislature and Governor Kulongoski as part of the 2009 Jobs in Transportation Act.

Westside Economic Alliance regards the US 26 / Shute Road interchange as important to the local community and to the economic welfare of our state, because it is a major point of entry to regionally significant high-tech employment centers based in the City of Hillsboro, Oregon's fifth largest city and the largest in Washington County.

Some of the largest employers in our state, including Intel, Nike, Genentech and SolarWorld, own properties and facilities directly contiguous and accessed from this interchange. Other employers are expected to locate and invest in 850 acres of newly-designated industrial land that are expected to bring an additional 20,000 jobs to the region in the next 20 years---assuming appropriate investments are made in our transportation infrastructure to encourage these development opportunities.

Unfortunately, the existing interchange is simply not able to meet the capacity needs of the recent employment expansions and business investments being made in this area, and could stunt future development opportunities of lands recently designated for future employment and high tech industrial growth.

This project has been identified in the financially-constrained 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) because of growing concerns about heavy traffic volumes travelling westbound every morning from the Highway 26 off-ramp onto south-bound Shute Road, and reversing this pattern northbound and eastbound during peak evening travel times.

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Westside Economic Alliance is a regional business advocacy organization, representing 150 employers, developers, property managers, local communities and public agencies serving the Westside of ODOT Region 1. The Highway 26 / Shute Road interchange is in the financial heart of our service region, which accounts for 16.4% of the adjusted gross earnings in our state, and one of every six dollars collected as personal income tax by the State of Oregon last year.

(See attached economic and demographic profile of "Washington County--By The Numbers")

WEA believes the current economic recession gripping our state makes it more important than ever to invest in our state's transportation infrastructure and improve the freight mobility; increase the road capacity; facilitate commuter access; enable modal choice; restore system reliability; and protect public safety through the vital economic corridors of our state. The Highway 26 / Shute Road interchange is an important project for the commuters and businesses in our region, and for the economic recovery of our state.

After reviewing this grant request, WEA encourages unanimous approval among OTC members, and thanks you for your support of our state's economic health and prosperity.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Schlueter
Executive Director

Enclosure: Washington County---By The Numbers

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Resident Population (July 1, 2008)	529,216
Total Non-Farm Employment --- Public and Private Sectors (June 2009)	234,500
Percentage of Resident Work Force Who Are Currently Unemployed	10.4% (June 2009) 12.2% (Statewide)
Adjusted Gross Income (2007 tax returns)	\$16.2 billion (16.4% of statewide totals) (34.3% of tri-county totals)
State Income Taxes Paid (2007 tax returns)	\$999.4 million (17.8% of statewide totals) (35.4% of tri-county totals)
Median Household Income in 2007	\$60,254 \$ 50,007 (U.S. Average)
Average Age of County Residents	35.0 years (36.4 years — U.S. Average)
Education Levels: (High School Diploma or GED among residents age 25 or older)	90.1% (84.0% — U.S. Average)
(Bachelor's degree or higher-- among residents age 25 or older)	37.4% (27.0 % — U.S. Average)

Note: The figures reported above in blue-colored font represent all-time record highs

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau
Portland State Center for Urban Studies
WorkSource Oregon
Oregon Dept. of Revenue

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