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Statewide organizations:

CASA of Oregon
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Catholic Charities
Enterprise Community Partners
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
Housing Development Center
NOAH (Network for Oregon
Affordable Housing)
Northwest Housing Alternatives
RCAC

Coast:

CDC of Lincoln County
Community Action Team, Inc.

Central & Eastern Oregon:

Columbia Cascade Housing
Community Connection of
Northeast Oregon, Inc.
Families Forward/Housing Works
NeighborImpact
UGMW Nonprofit Development
Corporation

Southern Oregon:

ACCESS
Housing Authority of Jackson
County
NeighborWorks Umpqua
United Community Action Network
(UCAN)

Willamette Valley:

Community Home Builders
Farmworker Housing Development
Center
Mainstream Housing, Inc.
Metropolitan Affordable Housing
Corp.
NEDCO
Oregon Housing and Associated
Services, Inc.
Polk CDC
Salem-Keizer CDC
St Vincent de Paul of Lane County
Willamette Neighborhood Housing
Services

Portland Metro:

Bienestar
Central City Concern
Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for
Affordable Housing (CPAH)
Downtown Community Housing
Habitat for Humanity
Portland/Metro East
Hacienda CDC
Home Forward
Housing Authority of Clackamas
County
Housing Authority of Washington
County
Human Solutions, Inc.
Innovative Housing, Inc.
NAYA Family Center
Portland Community Reinvestment
Initiatives (PCRI)
Portland Housing Center
Proud Ground
REACH Community Development
ROSE Community Development
Sabin CDC

April 17, 2014

Secretary Anthony Foxx
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Oregon Opportunity Network, a statewide association of affordable housing and community development nonprofits, is pleased to express our **support** for Metro's application for 2014 TIGER grant funding for the Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division Opportunity Crescent projects.

Throughout the region, we and our member organizations work to increase housing and economic opportunity for low-income and vulnerable residents. The Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division projects are significant to our metropolitan region and will focus resources to create a single crescent connecting the east and west sides of the metro region and reaching many neighborhoods characterized by higher poverty rates and more ethnic diversity than in other parts of Portland. We are excited by these projects and look forward to working with Metro to further our shared goals of increasing access and opportunity for all.

With this grant, Metro will undertake detailed planning that aligns land use, local transportation choices, and development plans. The results will enable the educational institutions and others to anticipate and capture the economic, social and environmental value of planned regional high capacity transit investments. In addition, Metro will develop place-based agreements that identify responsibilities for implementation of the plans. The agreements will focus on such issues as development patterns, housing affordability, safety improvements, infrastructure funding, job training, hiring, and ongoing participation and communication.

A 2014 TIGER grant for the Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division Opportunity Crescent projects would help bring the benefits of high capacity transit to the entire Portland metropolitan region and support the success of the next generation of residents by increased access to educational and housing opportunity in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Miller
Executive Director