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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Portland General Electric (PGE) is pleased to express our support for 2014 TIGER grant funding for the Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division Opportunity Crescent projects. Our region understands the highly competitive nature of this program and has worked hard to limit the number of applications and to ensure that all applications meet the program criteria.

The Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division projects are significant to our metropolitan region and will focus resources on five important places and the educational institutions that define them: the Mt. Hood Community College area; the Portland Community College Jade District; the region's Innovation Quadrant; the Portland Community College Sylvania neighborhood area; and the Tigard Triangle. With this grant, our region will undertake detailed planning in the five key nodes named above, aligning 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.

The potential benefits for our region's Community Colleges and their students are of particular interest to PGE. We are actively engaged in the effort to build top notch Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs for Oregon students and partner in the region's efforts to ensure that workforce training programs meet the ever-evolving needs of regional employers. Facilitating access to these programs is an important piece of the puzzle.

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 opportunity areas in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dave Robertson