

April 17, 2014



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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The City of Tigard is pleased to express our support for 2014 TIGER grant funding for the Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division “Access to Opportunity” planning project. We understand the highly competitive nature of this program and we feel that this application is a great fit for the objectives and purpose for the TIGER program.

The Tigard Triangle (Triangle) is one of the focus areas in the Access to Opportunity corridor. Tigard is located directly west of Portland and the Triangle is formed by the confluence of three state highways. This excellent regional access has attracted several large format retailers and headquarters offices, as well as a cluster of higher education satellite campuses. While the highways provide excellent regional access to the area, they also create challenges to local access and circulation.

Tigard is currently creating a Tigard Triangle Strategic Plan in coordination with the regional Southwest Corridor Plan. The strategy is aimed at improving connectivity, increasing residential development opportunities and fostering growth of the existing campus/educational sector.

The “Access to Opportunity” grant would be used to build on these planning efforts by advancing several key internal circulation projects and to improve access to the nearby Portland Community College (PCC) Sylvania Campus.

A 2014 TIGER grant for the Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division Access to Opportunity project would help knit together the larger corridor of neighborhoods and educational institutions that are often a critical ladder to opportunity for our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mayor John Cook  
City of Tigard