



April 18, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to express Washington County's support for the 2014 TIGER grant funding for a Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division "Access to Opportunity Corridor Project". The investments currently being planned for transit services and interrelated roadway and active transportation systems in will improve access and mobility for all modes in these corridors.

The Access to Opportunity Corridor Project will focus on five key places and educational institutions within the combined corridors:

- Mount Hood Community College
- the region's Innovation Quadrant, which encompasses Portland State University, Portland Community College's CLIMB Center for Advancement Continuous Learning for Individuals, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)
- the Portland Community College Jade District,
- Portland Community College Sylvania neighborhood area, and
- the Tigard Triangle.

With this grant, our region will undertake detailed planning in these five key nodes, 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 high capacity transit investments. In addition, the grant will result in place-based agreements that identify responsibilities for implementation of the plans in areas such as development, housing affordability, safety, infrastructure funding, job training, hiring and ongoing participation and communication.

Washington County is a vibrant and diverse community of 550,000 people and is a major employment center for the state of Oregon. Intel employs more than 17,000 people in its most advanced R&D and manufacturing facilities. Nike, Inc. employs nearly 9,000 people. The county is also home to Columbia Sportswear, the U.S. operations of Solar World, and a number of high tech and traded sector companies. Access to job training opportunities and the efficient movement of people and goods within Washington County and across the region are critical issues for the ongoing economic sustainability of the county's many employers.

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Thank you for your consideration for investing in the continued growth and success of Washington County and the region.

Sincerely,



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