



Our Mission:

To coordinate a regional workforce system that supports individual prosperity and business competitiveness.

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Worksystems, Inc., the regional Workforce Investment Board representing the City of Portland, Washington and Multnomah counties, 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.

Worksystems, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that pursues and invests resources to improve the quality of the workforce in the City of Portland, Multnomah and Washington Counties. We design and coordinate workforce development programs and services delivered through a network of local partners to help people get the skills, training and education they need to go to work or to advance in their careers. Our partners include employers, labor groups, government, community colleges, high schools, community-based and economic development organizations.

Our mission is to coordinate a regional workforce system that supports individual prosperity and business competitiveness. We ensure that the public workforce system serves business by developing qualified employees and giving current and future workers the skills and support they need to successfully engage, advance, and succeed in the labor market.

The Southwest Corridor and Powell-Division projects are significant to our mission and our region. The projects include enhancing access to multiple educational and other community-based training institutions which is critical for our job seeker and business customers.

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 increasing access to educational, training and work opportunities throughout the our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew McGough
Executive Director