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Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Metro's Powell/Division and Southwest Corridor TIGER VI Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write today to convey my support for Metro's TIGER VI grant application to address planning needs for the Powell/Division and Southwest Corridor. As Metro intends to use the requested funds to improve vital transportation infrastructure in the region, I believe this application for the Powell/Division and Southwest Corridor deserves the U.S. Department of Transportation's favorable consideration.

Wise investment of this type could bring significant long-term benefits in transportation and economic development, while enhancing quality of life, sustainability, and safety in the region. Furthermore, the economic development facilitated by this investment can achieve one of the key goals of the TIGER program by sustaining existing jobs and adding new ones.

Metro's proposal would provide high capacity transportation access to link together the Powell/Division and Southwest Corridor, two vital, high-priority mobility corridors in the region. As a result, it will allow the next generation of Oregonians to advance their education and workforce development, benefit equitably from Portland's high tech economy, and participate fully in the region's sustainable economy.

Therefore, consistent with your customary practices and procedures, I urge you to give full and favorable consideration to the Metro's Powell/Division-Southwest Corridor Planning TIGER VI grant application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jacob Egler in my Portland, Oregon office at (503) 326-7540.

Thank you for your consideration of my views in this matter.

Sincerely,



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