

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

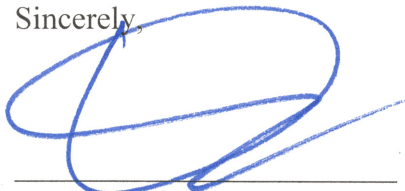
We are writing to express our support for the Southeast Corridor Project: Connecting Communities TIGER II Grant Proposal. This proposal builds on the success of other regional investments to ensure the integration of the corridor's industrial businesses with future development and provide for the safe and reliable movement of freight, commuters, employees, and visitors to and from one of Portland's most vital working districts.

We urge you to fund this proposal because it will immediately create jobs and expand the transportation alternatives in this redeveloping employment district. This proposal will demonstrate that investment in biking and walking can provide safe, seamless, efficient, and green transportation choices. A TIGER II grant will also help leverage \$12 million in local matches and spur private development within the corridor.

We believe that the TIGER II grant funds will leverage local and regional investments to help create jobs and build the infrastructure needed to sustain and strengthen the region's burgeoning green economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Wu
Member of Congress



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



Kurt Schrader
Member of Congress