

June 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Clark County Board of County Councilors supports Oregon Department of Transportation's efforts to secure TIGER 2015 Discretionary Grant funding for the North Portland and Peninsula Junction Passenger and Freight Rail Improvements Project.

The Council strongly advocates these proposed improvements to reconfigure the rail alignment connecting to the Fallbridge Subdivision on the Great Northern Corridor at North Portland and Peninsula Junction. This reconfiguration could increase fluidity and functionality, which are major challenges for freight and passenger rail in the area. Additionally, the project would allow freight train speeds to increase from current restricted speed of 10 mph to 30 mph. Passenger rail will see a decrease in delays at this location, providing a more reliable service.

We support the Oregon Department of Transportation and look forward to the continued partnership with the state of Oregon on this important regional infrastructure improvement project.

Sincerely,

David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor