



May 18, 2015

Attn: Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Springfield TIGER Grant Application

Secretary Fox:

On behalf of the City of Eugene, I strongly encourage you to fund the request by the City of Springfield and the Oregon Department of Transportation for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for improvements to Franklin Boulevard in the Glenwood area of Springfield, Oregon.

The Glenwood area is situated between downtown Eugene and downtown Springfield, vitally serving both communities. This area has the potential to be a thriving economic engine for the Eugene-Springfield area. Currently, Franklin Boulevard lacks sidewalks, bike lanes and a functional storm water system, and it is an extremely unattractive roadway. This project would address those deficiencies and act as a catalyst for commercial and residential re-development along the corridor.

The multi-way boulevard is a community supported, innovative concept allowing for convenient movement of multi-modal through traffic while also creating high levels of access to adjacent businesses. The project provides critically needed investment in our regional transportation infrastructure. It generates construction jobs in the short-term and creates economic development opportunities that will provide jobs in the future.

The City of Eugene strongly supports this TIGER grant application. Please consider my recommendation to support this important collaborative transportation project and award this TIGER grant to this community.

Sincerely,

Kitty Piercy
Mayor, City of Eugene