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To: Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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From: Steve Mokrohisky
County Administrator

Date: May 19, 2015

Re: City of Springfield TIGER Grant Application

Secretary Fox,

On behalf of Lane County, 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 and Lane County. This project clearly meets all the goals of the TIGER 7 grant program. In particular, the project aligns with the TIGER 7 focus on funding transformative projects that are multi-modal in their scope and help to build a "ladder of opportunity" for those in the greater Eugene/Springfield metropolitan region.

The Glenwood area is a key opportunity for the Lane County region as it is situated between downtown Eugene and downtown Springfield, with high visibility from and access to the Interstate 5 Corridor. 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 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.

Improvements and investments along this corridor are vital to the redevelopment of this central location and this project provides critically needed investments 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.

Lane County 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,

Steve Mokrohisky
Lane County Administrator