

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 my brother Paul and myself, we 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. This project is critical to creating a safe and sustainable urban transportation system and community inspired mixed use redevelopment fostering economic growth and a continuum of new job creation.

As property and business owners on the Glenwood Riverfront, with frontage and access directly off of Franklin Boulevard, our support for the Multi-Way Boulevard project is extremely high as this project will create the needed access improvements not only for our property, but the entire Glenwood riverfront. Currently, Franklin Boulevard is without bike facilities and sidewalks and is an unattractive and challenging entrance to our property and existing businesses. This project would address those and other deficiencies and provide our property (and those around us) with transportation infrastructure to match our redevelopment vision which focuses on mixed use, higher density multi-generational housing for all income levels.

We strongly support this TIGER grant application. Please consider our recommendation to support this important and collaborative transportation project and award this TIGER grant to this community. The results will truly be transformative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Roth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "R".

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