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**Oregon Transportation Commission**

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Oregon Transportation Commission is pleased to offer its support of the City of Springfield's application for TIGER 2015 grant funding for the Franklin Boulevard Complete Street Reconstruction Project.

Should it receive funding, this project grant will construct a complete streets rebuild of an orphaned highway corridor in Springfield, Oregon. This project will help catalyze investment and growth in Springfield's Glenwood riverfront area and its downtown. This project will attract jobs and new investment, and it will increase transportation options for underserved populations by providing better access to regional job centers, the University of Oregon, and regional medical and human services. The project includes separate local access lanes, protected bike lanes, safe pedestrian crossings, roundabout intersections, and bus rapid transit facilities that will provide affordable travel options to surrounding areas, particularly east of Interstate 5. These improvements will complement ongoing city, state, community housing, school district, park district and social services investments in the Glenwood riverfront area and in downtown Springfield.

The Oregon Transportation Commission has authorized the Oregon Department of Transportation to be a partnering agency on the City of Springfield's application because this project has such potential to improve transportation choices and to stimulate urban redevelopment in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important application.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baney  
Chair  
Oregon Transportation Commission

Matthew L. Garrett  
Director  
Oregon Department of Transportation