



Lane Transit District

June 3, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Foxx:

The Lane Transit District (LTD) hereby lends its strong support to the City of Springfield TIGER 2015 grant request for the Franklin Boulevard Complete Street Reconstruction Project. LTD and the City have a long-term documented partnership in developing and delivering bus rapid transit projects to the benefit of the region. As member agencies of the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, we collaborate on a wide range of activities, including the Point2Point Solutions transportation demand management program, long-range transit and roadway system planning, safety and accessibility of the transit network, and regular fixed-route service.

The Franklin project is a long-awaited opportunity to finally move redevelopment in the Glenwood riverfront area forward. LTD expects to play a significant role in leveraging this dense mixed-use community revitalization effort with our state of the practice EmX bus rapid transit system. When the District constructed the downtown Eugene to downtown Springfield EmX corridor as the first BRT deployment in the region in 2006, staff worked closely with the City of Springfield to design the segment through Glenwood in a manner that would accommodate the City's plans to redevelop this 'diamond in the rough'. Now that the Glenwood Refinement Plan has been adopted and the Franklin Boulevard improvement is moving toward construction, LTD is excited to be a partner in a permanent EmX service configuration in the corridor. This is truly an example of integrating the City's and LTD's collective plans for land use, economic development, and transit and transportation.

Lane Transit District is pleased to be a partner agency on the City of Springfield's application - given the project's tremendous potential to revitalize urban scale redevelopment and improve transportation choices for all system users, both in Glenwood and in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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Ronald J. Kilcoyne
General Manager

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