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Secretary Ray LaHood
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington DC, 20590

Re: Support for the City of Oakland's TIGER III Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to submit this letter underscoring the City of Oakland's commitment to convert the decaying former Oakland Army Base into a strategic and thriving Trade and Logistics Center. Your favorable consideration of Oakland's TIGER III grant application would be the crucial step towards realizing that commitment.

It has been more than 10 years since the Oakland Army Base was decommissioned and is past due for economic redevelopment. We have assembled a solid team and master plan to secure the private and public resources needed to install new infrastructure and prepare the site for commercial development. The TIGER III grant application has the potential to trigger the alignment of more than \$400,000,000 in local, state, federal and private funds to develop over 300 acres of prime industrial property adjacent to the Port of Oakland.

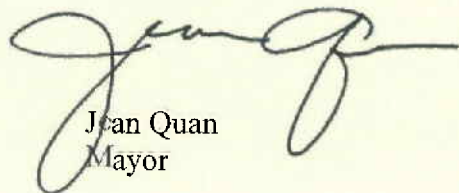
With the potential of creating 3,000 jobs, enhanced intermodal capacity for the Port, substantial emissions reduction due to expanded use of rail, and increasing the economic competitiveness of the Port, the benefits are compelling. Thousands of construction and permanent job opportunities for a community experiencing an unemployment rate of 17% is exciting. Cleaning the air for the surrounding community and mitigating the decaying and wasteful infrastructure currently serving the site is essential.

Because the project is dedicated to bringing the Port of Oakland into the, very competitive, 21st Century, the benefits extend far beyond Oakland. Oakland is Northern California's agricultural export Port. The increased efficiencies and environmental benefits brought about by the project will benefit the entire region and indeed the entire nation through more cost effective exports.



Thank you for meeting with me last week. I know you appreciate how important this project is to Oakland, northern California and advancing the national goal of doubling our country's exports.

Sincerely,



Jean Quan
Mayor