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Mr. Omar Benjamin
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Port of Oakland
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Dear Mr. Benjamin:

This letter is a follow-up to the Port of Oakland's TIGER III application for the Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal (OHIT) project. OHIT, a proposed green intermodal rail terminal complex, will increase the total Port intermodal capacity and allow a greater share of Port of Oakland goods to be moved by rail. The project will decrease traffic congestion, improve air quality, and strengthen Port operation efficiency – all important for the region's economy and quality of life.

MTC has been a strong supporter of Port improvements such as the California Green Corridor / Marine Highway project and the OHIT project. Our current long-range plan, Transportation 2035, includes the OHIT project, as does the Bay Area's adopted Proposition 1B Trade Corridor priorities. If the Port of Oakland is awarded TIGER III funds, MTC will work with the Port to amend the Transportation Improvement Program to include the project elements and funding.

Sincerely,

Steve Heminger
Executive Director

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