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October 31, 2011

Mr. Omar R. Benjamin
Executive Director
Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) fully supports the City of Oakland TIGER III application for the Oakland Global Gateway Project – Phase I (Project). The Project scope includes constructing a bulk/manifest rail yard with connections to both the Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Roads. This Project will provide important freight benefits by providing on-dock rail access and will enhance West Coast export capacity in an area with 16 percent unemployment.

The Project will result in significantly improved service options for U.S. shippers seeking avenues to foreign trade, increased market access for new businesses, and reduced heavy-duty truck trips.

A successful TIGER III award of \$40,000,000 will leverage \$398,150,000 in non-federal matching funds to complete the total project cost of \$438,150,000.

Caltrans looks forward to facilitating implementation of the Project, with the City of Oakland as lead agency, and Port of Oakland as Sub-Grantee, should the U.S. Department of Transportation approve an award of National Infrastructure Investments "TIGER Discretionary Grants" (TIGER III) funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Dougherty".

MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
Acting Director