

November 22, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Restoring Oakland's Working Waterfront Project and TIGER III Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad, I am writing to inform you of our support of the Restoring Oakland's Working Waterfront Project and TIGER III application.

The Port of Oakland is a key location on the Union Pacific (UP) rail system. UP rail lines radiate in different directions from Oakland to the Pacific Northwest, Southern California, and California's Central Valley. Additionally, and probably most importantly, Oakland is served by our tracks to the east leading to the Midwest and Eastern rail connections. UP has invested significant dollars in this key rail artery in recent years, most recently raising the tunnel clearances over the Sierras to allow double-stack domestic intermodal trains to traverse Donner Pass to and from the Bay Area to inland destinations.

The project seeking TIGER III discretionary grant funding is part of the larger Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center (Oakland Global) project to transform the former Oakland Army Base into a world-class intermodal trade and logistics center. Union Pacific is supportive of the development of such a project that will prepare for future growth that can be served by UP's rail system.

In summary, the portion of the Oakland Global project that is seeking TIGER III funding is a project of national and regional significance worthy of funding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Moore