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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Department of Transportation are pleased to offer support of Benton County's application for FASTLANE 2016 funding for the SW 53rd Street Railroad Overcrossing project.

If funded, this project would construct a new rail overcrossing on SW 53rd Street in Corvallis, OR. The configuration of the current undercrossing leads to safety challenges as it frequently floods and freezes in the wintertime. Additionally, the low 13' 6" clearance of the undercrossing prevents SW 53rd Street from being used by freight traffic. The proposed project would increase safety and open SW 53rd Street to freight traffic traveling the nearby US 20/OR 34 corridor.

As the State of Oregon's top transportation policy body, the Commission is pleased to support this grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baney
Chair
Oregon Transportation Commission

Matthew L. Garrett
Director
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