



## **Benton-Franklin Council of Governments**

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Raymond LaHood, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program – Ref: East Foster Wells Road Project- Franklin County, Washington

Dear Secretary LaHood,

The Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG) provides transportation planning for both the Kennewick-Pasco-Richland Urban Area and a three county rural area that includes Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties in southeastern Washington State.

The BFCG supports Franklin County's application to the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program for funding of the East Foster Wells project. The project will complete the final 2.5 miles of east-west major collector link connecting eastern Franklin County's agricultural area with the Pasco Food Processing Center.

The East Foster Wells project competed regionally for STP(R) funding and was awarded \$1,659,635 in 2008. The project is listed in the 2006-2025 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2009-2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Thank you for your consideration of such an important project in our region.

Sincerely,

Mark Kushner, Transportation Director  
Benton-Franklin Council of Governments

Cc: Tim Fife, Franklin County Public Works Director