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SUBJECT: East Foster Wells Road Extension Phase 2

Dear Mr. LaHood:

Consider this letter as my full support of an application submitted by Franklin County, Washington for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery 2 (TIGER 2) grant funding. The additional funding requested will complete the East Foster Wells Road Extension. The project is designed, environmental complete, and right of way has been certified by FHWA. The project is just short of the necessary funding to go to bid and put people back to work.

Franklin County completed Phase 1 of the East Foster Wells in 2004. They have received \$1.65 Million in local competitive Federal Funds and need approximately \$1 Million to complete the project. The project is "shovel ready" and needs TIGER 2 funding to proceed.

During a major disaster or emergency involving disposition of radiological or chemical products on the ground, the Emergency Operations Center, in close coordination with the State Department of Agriculture, has to take action to protect the food supply. If there are crops, diaries, livestock or food processing facilities within the area of concern, we are bound by law to take actions to "quarantine" the agricultural products within that area. We do this by drawing geopolitical boundaries around the affected area, which we call a "Food Control Area". These geopolitical boundaries consist of roads and familiar land marks such as rivers and streams. All agricultural products within the "Food Control Area" must remain in place until the proper authorities can confirm that the products are free of contaminants. Therefore, any additional roads serving our area make this task easier.

Franklin County is located within a 10 mile planning zone of an operating Nuclear Power Plant and have conducted these types of exercises on a regular bases. During these exercises the authorities have had to "quarantine" a much larger land area than was really necessary because there were no viable geopolitical boundaries. The largest area of concern within Franklin County involves the area that this project is happening in.

Sincerely,

John R. Scheer, Director
Franklin County Emergency Management