



Item No. 5c
Date of Meeting September 24, 2013

April 3, 2013

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Multistate Corridor Operations and Management Grant Program

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This letter conveys our support for the Great Northern Corridor Multistate Planning and Development Study, for which fiscal year 2012 Multistate Corridor Operations and Management program funds are being requested by the Montana Department of Transportation. We are committed to provide a \$10,000 local match which may include "in-kind services" if grant funds are awarded.

The proposed study will build upon ongoing efforts to identify the opportunities and needs associated with the Great Northern Corridor from the Pacific Northwest to the Great Lakes. Funds will be used to develop solutions to enhance the Corridor by addressing topics such as safety, performance, connectivity and economic opportunity.

As funding applications are evaluated, I ask that you please consider my support for this application along with the merits of the proposed activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tay Yoshitani".

Tay Yoshitani
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