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December 19, 2011

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

Re: Great Northern Corridor Multistate Planning and Development Study

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Port of Seattle is writing to support the Great Northern Corridor Multistate Planning and Development Study, for which FY 2011 Multistate Corridor Operations and Management program funds are being requested. The Port is strongly supportive of projects that improve freight rail movement to and from the Pacific Northwest gateway ports and the US Midwest. We see this as a great opportunity to complement the work we were already doing in Washington and Oregon to improve our national and international competitiveness in the ever changing logistics supply chain.

The proposed study will identify the opportunities and challenges associated with the Great Northern Corridor from the Pacific Northwest to the Great Lakes. Funds will also be used to plan and conduct stakeholder outreach activities to promote the corridor.

If the grant application is successful, we are willing to provide a \$5,000 in non-federal match and participate in the study and outreach activities.

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

Sincerely,

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Linda Styrk  
Managing Director Seaport  
Port of Seattle



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 black ink, appearing to read "Tay Yoshitani".

Tay Yoshitani  
Chief Executive Officer  
Port of Seattle