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Freight Coalition Applauds Port of Portland’s TIGER Grant Award for Grade Separation Project

USDOT’s $7.3 million grant will improve access to a key industrial district and increase connectivity between the port and the National Highway System

WASHINGTON, DC (August 10, 2016) – The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced nearly $500 million of awards through the eighth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. One of just 40 recipients nationwide, the Port of Portland was one of 585 eligible applications submitted for funding under the most recent round of the TIGER grant program.

“TIGER continues to be a highly-competitive funding program for all types of transportation infrastructure, and I congratulate the Port of Portland for earning an award,” said Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) Executive Director Elaine Nessle. “Federal partnership is necessary to ensure the safe, efficient, and reliable movement of goods in the Pacific Northwest and I am pleased that Port of Portland is being recognized for its competitive and forward-thinking freight project."

The $7.3 million award will build a grade separation over a busy marine terminal rail lead and increase connectivity between the port and the National Highway System. The grade separation will make improvements to better accommodate turning trucks, relieve truck delays caused by the at-grade rail crossing and produce travel time savings and increase safety.

Now in its eighth funding round, the TIGER competitive grant program is appropriated annually by Congress with the intention of generating economic recovery through investments. Funding requests this round totaled $9.3 billion, or 18.6 times the $500 million made available for the program.

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America’s intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC’s main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org