

October 18, 2011

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

RE: TIGER III

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This letter conveys Malteurop's support for the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center.

Malteurop is an industrial group engaged in the primary processing of barley into malt. Our profession consists of ensuring the availability of malts in the right place, at the right time, at the right price, in the desired quality and quantities, at the point of secondary processing by our brewer customers.

Constructing a multimodal rail facility in Shelby, Montana would support our mission to support our brewers in their international growth; guarantee the security and permanence of their supply chain; manage the physical and financial risks involved in the business and optimize the total cost of the value chain.

Montana is the 4th largest State in the nation yet it does not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargos for import or export due to the lack of a multimodal facility capable of accepting and delivering unit trains of containers.

This project will construct Montana's first multimodal facility to facilitate the export of value added food commodities and manufactured products--a nationally and regionally significant commercial and accomplishment.

As funding applications are evaluated, I would hope that you would carefully consider the merits of this project.

Sincerely,



Mark Black - Barley Program Manager
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