

Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

October 17, 2011

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

RE: Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center/TIGER III Application

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This letter conveys the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce's support for the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center.

This project has received all required environmental clearances and is in line with the Chamber's mission to enhance economic prosperity in the Shelby area and promote and enhance Montana's positive regional, national and international image.

No rail facility exists in the State of Montana with the ability to ship and receive containerized cargos for import and export. This project will construct Montana's first multimodal facility to facilitate the domestic movement of oversize equipment and the export of value added food commodities and manufactured products—a significant commercial accomplishment for the community, region and State of Montana.

The facility will also bring a multitude of family wage jobs to Montana's Hi Line and North Central Montana.

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

Sincerely,



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