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Councilor Carlotta Collette, JPACT Chair
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Chair Collette,

The Governor's Regional Solutions Centers work at the local level to identify priorities, solve problems and seize opportunities to improve Oregon's economy. As you are aware, the legislature passed the Jobs and Transportation Act in 2005. Funding from the act provided resources to quickly create construction jobs across the state and improve a number of state-owned facilities that serve Oregon's growing business needs.

A recently completed Regional Industrial Site Readiness report identified a scarcity of "market ready" sites within the Metro area. At the October 4th meeting of our advisory committee, Governor Kitzhaber asked the Regional Solutions Center team to identify three industrial sites to bring up to "market ready" status within a year. The three sites that the committee identified for state action were near the Troutdale Industrial Area in Multnomah County, the Brookwood Interchange in Washington County and the Sunrise Industrial Area (Site #29) in Clackamas County. A more detailed assessment of these sites is currently underway.

It has come to our attention that JPACT is considering dedicating some unanticipated federal dollars towards providing the "last mile" connections to adequately serve industrial lands in each of the three Counties served within the MPO. We understand that an additional \$9m of funding per site would leverage substantial infrastructure investments that both the local jurisdictions and State of Oregon have made at these sites.

Realizing that the potential of these three sites is now within reach, we encourage you to prioritize funding industrial lands access as you make your decision on how best to allocate scarce transportation dollars within the Metro region.

Sincerely,

Bobby Lee
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Metro Regional Solutions Center Coordinator