

June 2, 2015

Mr. Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Glacier Rail Park/Kalispell Core Area Development and Trail

Dear Mr. Foxx,

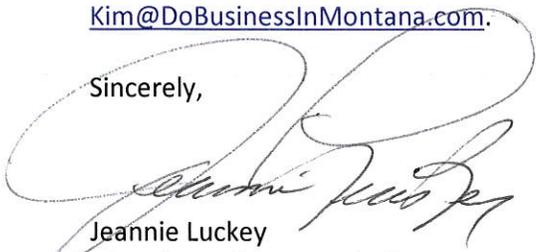
On behalf of Flathead County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), I am sending this letter to request your support for the Glacier Rail Park/Kalispell Core Area Development and Trail, for which the City of Kalispell and FCEDA are requesting Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2015) grant funding. The Glacier Rail Park/Kalispell Core Area Development and Trail project meets the TIGER program's selection criteria and application requirements. Our project will have a significant impact with desirable short and long-term outcomes for the City of Kalispell, Flathead County, the State of Montana and the nation. It will improve the condition of existing rail transportation systems, stimulate the economy, foster livable communities, improve energy efficiency and increase vehicular and bicycle safety.

As the governing authority of the Flathead County Economic Development Authority, consider this a letter of certification of the availability of non-federal matching funds of \$6,175,375 to complete this project and our guarantee that we will obligate any grant funds received by September 30, 2017. These funds combined with qualifying matching funds guaranteed by the City of Kalispell and BNSF Railways bring the municipal, county and private contribution to \$11,175,375 to match the grant request of \$10 million.

Furthermore, if selected for funding, the Flathead County Economic Development Authority will comply with the requirements from the Federal Rail Administration described in 49 U.S.C. Subtitle V, Part C and also wage rate requirements included in subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (Federal Wage Requirements) as required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Morisaki, Business Development and Special Projects designated point of contact. Ms. Morisaki can be reached at 406-257-7711 Ext. 3 or [Kim@DoBusinessInMontana.com](mailto:Kim@DoBusinessInMontana.com).

Sincerely,



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