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October 31, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) is pleased to support the TIGER III Discretionary Grant application for the Nueces River Rail Yard at the Port of Corpus Christi. TIGER funding would supplement a significant contribution by the Port and funding from the freight railroads which serve it, including BNSF.

The Nueces River Rail Yard project is a key building block of the region's vision for development of the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor. The Fulton Corridor consists of hundreds of acres of integrated maritime facilities, industrial sites, and roadway and railway infrastructure, and is already a primary driver of industrial development in South Texas. As this area continues to develop, the Nueces River Rail Yard will play a key role in connecting the Fulton Corridor to the expanding transportation corridors which link it to major production areas in the United States. Such sustainable and focused development is a critical component for success of the President's Export Initiative and lays the groundwork for further job-creating development not just in Corpus Christi, but throughout the regions of the United States which rely on this port capacity.

The Port's Nueces River Rail Yard, like the Fulton Corridor itself, represents an aggressive collaboration of the state transportation agency, the Port of Corpus Christi, three competing Class I railroads and one shortline railroad. This collaboration is backed by substantial public and private infrastructure investment that will be substantially leveraged by the TIGER grant funding sought in this application. The project entails construction of a new 8,000-foot siding and five new interchange tracks needed to handle projected growth in bulk exports and industrial products from new or expanded dockside terminals. This will allow the Port of Corpus Christi better access to the four railroads which funnel into the Port and facilitate better transfer of products between carriers, all on property dedicated by the Port for rail-served export development.

Corpus Christi is an important gateway for American industrial and agricultural products producers to access world markets. BNSF is committed to continuing its partnership with TxDOT and the Port of Corpus Christi to make this important regional economic development project happen; subject to satisfactory review of final engineering and any necessary definitive agreements.

Sincerely,

Matthew K. Rose

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4304

October 21, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the grant proposal submitted to the United States Department of Transportation. I appreciate the information you provided about your proposal, and I am pleased to support the application.

I have contacted the Department on your behalf and have encouraged the grant office to carefully consider the merits of this grant proposal. Your project will have a positive impact on the community by increasing efficiency and rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and support of existing operations at the port.

I am committed to ensuring that each grant application receives a fair and thorough review, and you may be certain that I will continue to monitor the progress of this proposal. As the application process moves forward, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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JOHN CORNYN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4305

October 24, 2011

Mr. Dana Gresham
Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

Dear Assistant Secretary Gresham:

I am writing to express my support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant III application submitted to the Department of Transportation by the Port of Corpus Christi (the Port).

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. As you know, the Port is seeking TIGER III funding for the Nueces River Rail Yard project which calls for the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding. Additionally, more than 22,360 feet of rail track will be put down for a new interchange yard along the north and far west side of the Port's Inner Harbor. This aims to increase rail car capacity to meet the expected growth of freight rail tonnage and support existing industrial operations at the facility. As you can see, a grant award will strengthen the flow of goods and commerce and help spur job growth in the region.

I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed as to the progress of this application. Please contact Andrew Blaylock, my Grants Coordinator, with any developments regarding this proposal as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Cornyn

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

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October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

I would like to extend my support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I recognize this potential project as a critical economic catalyst for the South Texas region.

The funding for the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. I am aware of the urgent need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and for support of existing industrial operations at your Port.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. I applaud you for your partnership with DOD as a strategic military deployment port that moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will have an immediate and direct impact on construction jobs at a time when construction development and employment is low due to the economy. In addition, the project will create opportunities for new industries to expand in the area.

I would appreciate your efforts to keep me informed as the application process moves forward. Thank you.

With warm personal regards,

Blake Farenthold

BLAKE FARENTHOLD
Member of Congress

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October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Re: U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program

Dear Mr. LaRue:

I would like to extend my support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for federal funding of its Nueces River Rail Yard Project.

As the state senator who represents the Port of Corpus Christi's district, I believe the proposed Nueces River Rail Yard Project is a critical economic catalyst for the entire South Texas region, as well as for many of our national interests. I am aware of the urgent need for adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and for support of existing industrial operations at the Port of Corpus Christi. Moreover, I believe this project will have an immediate and direct impact on construction jobs at a critical time when construction development and employment are at all time lows both nationally and locally. Of further significance, the project will create opportunities for innovative industries, especially the wind and Eagle Ford Shale-related energy sectors, to expand throughout our area.

I support the Port of Corpus Christi initiative to obtain adequate funding for its rail facilities that can assist our nation in strengthening long-term competitiveness. I believe the U.S. Department of Transportation will find this proposal is worthy of funding in conjunction with its priority mission to return Americans to competitive, consequential work. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa
State Senator, District 20

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October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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P. O. Box 1541
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

I would like to extend my support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I recognize this potential project as a critical economic catalyst for the South Texas region.

The funding for the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. I am aware of the urgent need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and for support of existing industrial operations at your Port.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry. I applaud you for your partnership with the DOD as a strategic military deployment port that moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will have an immediate and direct impact on construction jobs at a time when economic development and growth is essential to the Coastal Bend. In addition, the project will create opportunities for new industries to expand in the area.

I appreciate your efforts in helping to build and grow our region and for your efforts to potentially bring important advancements in the community's infrastructure. If you have any questions or would like to visit in greater detail regarding my support for this potential project as well as the Port of Corpus Christi's grant application, please feel free to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

Todd Hunter
State Representative - District 32

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RAUL TORRES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 33

October 21, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

I would like to extend my support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I recognize this potential project as a critical economic catalyst for the South Texas region.

The funding for the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. I am aware of the urgent need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and for support of existing industrial operations at your Port.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. I applaud you for your partnership with DOD as a strategic military deployment port that moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will have an immediate and direct impact on construction jobs at a time when construction development and employment is low due to the economy. In addition, the project will create opportunities for new industries to expand in the area.

I would appreciate your efforts to keep me informed as the application process moves forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raul Torres

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TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONNIE SCOTT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 34

October 14, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
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Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

I would like to extend my support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I recognize this potential project as a critical economic catalyst for the South Texas region.

The funding for the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. I am aware of the urgent need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the future expected growth of freight rail tonnage and for support of existing industrial operations at your Port.

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I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will have an immediate and direct impact on construction jobs at a time when construction development and employment is low due to the economy. In addition, the project will create opportunities for new industries to expand in the area.

I would appreciate your efforts to keep me informed as the application process moves forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Connie Scott

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October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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Dear John:

As the Mayor of Corpus Christi, I fully support the Port of Corpus Christi's grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor.

Currently, the Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products, wind turbine equipment, and the dry and liquid bulk material. Being designated a strategic military deployment port as well, the need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to supporting not only the existing industries, but the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi

Therefore, I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Joe Adame

Joe Adame
Mayor

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October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. ~~LaRue~~ John

As Nueces County Judge, I hereby fully support the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional, and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Loyd Neal
Nueces County Judge

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Terry Simpson
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October 14, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

San Patricio County fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi's grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22, 360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and for shipment to overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Terry Simpson

Terry Simpson
San Patricio County Judge

San Patricio County was named in honor of the patron saint of Ireland by members of the McMullen and McGloin Colony, Which was founded on a Mexican Empresario grant dated August 16, 1828.

CORPUS CHRISTI
MPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. This project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 118 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The MPO is on record that it will "Coordinate the freight planning process with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority" as stated in the 2010 – 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities will support our economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. The MPO will take the necessary actions to incorporate the project into the 2010 – 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program upon award of the grant and the MPO looks forward to the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Tom Niskala, Transportation Planning Director

a Genesee & Wyoming Company

October 18, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

On behalf of the Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, please accept our letter of support for the Port of Corpus Christi grant application requesting federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations. This expansion is further noteworthy in that it will directly enable our company as well as others to provide new jobs for the Corpus Christi area.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

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William A. Jasper
President

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SAN PATRICIO
Rural Rail Transportation District

October 19, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The San Patricio County Rail District's fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. We believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels. The SPC Rail District's purpose of supporting and enhancing greater rail cargo access fits with the goal of this effort.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Josephine Miller
Secretary, SPCRR

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October 14, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

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President/Chief Executive Officer

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SAN PATRICIO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

October 17, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

You and I have often talked about the number of Request for Proposals that the San Pat office receives asking for rail connections as an essential part of the searching company's business plan. The Port's efforts to expand their rail service have my whole hearted support. It is with great enthusiasm that the San Patricio EDC supports the Port of Corpus Christi's grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

The Port of Corpus Christi's rail facilities assist our nation's long term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as export grain products that support our agricultural community, the wind turbine equipment import industry in support of the country's energy independence goals, and the dry and liquid bulk material trade that is vital to the region's petrochemical industry and new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments into the region. The Port is also designated as a strategic military deployment port and annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Josephine Miller
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Coastal Bend Council of Governments

October 14, 2011

Mr. John LaRue
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. LaRue;

This letter is in support of the Port of Corpus Christi's application for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. As the Economic Development District serving the Coastal Bend Region, we have always recognized the economic importance of the Port and have identified it in our economic plans as essential for the growth of the Region.

We understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will result in the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. We recognize the need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity to meet the substantial growth of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for the support of existing and future industrial operations.

We feel the improvements to the Port's rail facilities are important as they will assist the nation's long-term economic competitiveness by moving critical cargoes such as exporting agricultural products; importing wind turbine equipment in support of the country's energy independence goals; and the dry and liquid bulk materials that are vital to the Region's petrochemical industry. These improvements will help facilitate the development of new markets such as the export of metallurgical and thermal coals, as well as, Eagle Ford Shale inbound drilling materials and outbound crude shipments. As a strategic military deployment port, the Port annually moves substantial amounts of military equipment by rail on short-term notice to and from the Forts and overseas installations.

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We encourage the U. S. Department of Transportation to give this application favorable consideration. We look forward to the successful implementation of this TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

John P. Buckner
Executive Director
Coastal Bend Council of Governments

CORPUS CHRISTI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Prosperity. Together.

October 14, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. The Chamber believes this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

The Chamber understands the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

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The Chamber encourages USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. We applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

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October 20, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Cline Mining Corporation and New Elk Coal Company LLC. fully support the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

I understand the Nueces River Rail Yard project will be the construction of a new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding along with an additional 22,360 feet of rail track for a new interchange rail yard at a site along the north and far west side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. The need for more adequate and efficient rail car capacity is essential to handle the substantial growth potential of cargoes moving through the Port of Corpus Christi and for support of existing and future industrial operations.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth H. Bates
President & CEO

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10-24-2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Nueces County Rural Rail Transportation District fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

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I encourage USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. I applaud the Port of Corpus Christi's foresight and welcome the opportunity to share in the successful implementation of the TIGER grant project.

Sincerely,

Tim Clower, President
Nueces County Rural Rail Transportation District

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Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Planter's Grain Cooperative of Odem, TX fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. As an agricultural business and customer to the Port of Corpus Christi, I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

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Brian McCuistion- GM
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October 24, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P.O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

Interstate Grain Corporation fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

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Sincerely,

Lloyd Schultz

Lloyd Schultz
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October 25, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

We at ADM Grain Co. are very interested in the news that the Port of Corpus Christi is applying for new project funding via the US DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. The new 8,000 foot, 110 car unit train siding and additional 22,360 feet of rail track for new interchange rail yard will certainly be supportive both current and new business at the Port.

This is an important project that benefits shippers and receivers nationally, the region and certainly customers on the Port of Corpus Christi. This project is especially critical to ADM Grain as the improvement in rail capacity and velocity will directly impact our ability to export grain and agricultural products through our grain elevator at the Port of Corpus Christi.

Archer Daniels Midland Company encourages the USDOT to give this application favorable consideration. We believe this a priority investment to the economic future of Midwestern agriculture and are fully supportive of the Port of Corpus Christi's application for this grant.

Sincerely,

Pete Goetzmann

VP ADM Grain Co.

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Ambre Energy North America, Inc.

October 28, 2011

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi
P. O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

Ambre Energy North America fully supports the Port of Corpus Christi grant application request for federal funding through the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. I believe this project is an investment in our community's ability to create and sustain economic activity at the local, regional and international levels.

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Sincerely,

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