

**COLUMBIA CORRIDOR**  
A S S O C I A T I O N

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Mr. Stuart Foster, Chair  
Oregon Transportation Commission  
c/o Ms. Julie Rodwell, Manager  
ODOT Freight Mobility Section  
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Salem, Oregon 97301-3871

Re: Port of Portland *ConnectOregon* II Applications

Dear Chairman Foster,

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) represents the needs and interests of the businesses located within the Columbia Corridor, a designated Regionally Significant Industrial Area. The Columbia Corridor is the single largest industrial area in Oregon, covering 28 square miles, just 15 minutes north of downtown Portland. The Corridor stretches along the south shore of the Columbia River, from the Willamette River in the west to the Sandy River in the east.

Within CCA's boundaries there are attractive business locations with access to diverse residential neighborhoods, a well-educated workforce, freeways and the largest inventory of industrial facilities in the region. Its dynamic mix of over 2,000 businesses employing 60,000 people incorporates industry, warehousing, business parks, hotels, restaurants and retail establishments.

CCA encourages your support of four *ConnectOregon* II applications from the Port of Portland.

The Terminal 4 Pipeline Project will:

- Create a common user pipeline system to support regional and statewide efforts to promote renewable energy development;
- Decrease transportation costs for businesses by allowing the delivery of bulk liquid products to a unique intermodal facility in the Portland harbor;
- Provide a key component in the redevelopment and modernization of Terminal 4 into a renewable energy production and distribution center;
- Assist one existing and up to four future tenants of Terminal 4 in the delivery of liquid bulk products; and
- Develop a key piece of infrastructure that will facilitate up to \$100 million in private investment.

The South Rivergate Rail Yard Expansion will:

- Provide immediate dual unit train access to Terminal 5;
- Support long-term Terminal 5 tenant and Oregon Steel growth;
- Improve the connection to overseas markets for Oregon and other Pacific Northwest agricultural exporters;
- Provide a stimulus for new private investment in Portland Harbor maritime facilities;
- Support private investment already made by Oregon Steel, Columbia Grain, and others and allow these businesses to operate more efficiently by removing the bottleneck at their door; and
- Improves the transfer of commodities between rail and ocean going vessels.

The Terminal 2 Rail Improvement project will:

- Improve terminal efficiencies, cargo handling capability and increase rail access on a critical piece of waterfront industrial land;
- Allow for increased use at a 90,450 sq. ft. warehouse capable of handling both bulk and break bulk commodities; and
- Create a new distribution node for bulk fertilizers for Oregon's agricultural sector.

The Portland International Airport (PDX) North Runway Extension will:

- Guarantee the continued and consistent airfield operational capability for international business passenger service and air cargo services;
- Prevent potential service loss due to future closure of the south runway for comprehensive rehabilitation, resulting in better pavement quality, lower capital cost, and a reduction in ongoing maintenance costs;
- Provide flexibility for FAA air traffic and ground controllers to stage and sequence arrivals to and departures from either of the airport's two parallel runways;
- Positively effect both the tourism and logistics/distribution industry due to the impact on both international air passenger and air cargo flights; and
- Prevent PDX carriers from incurring substantial payload penalties.

CCA believes each of these four projects will significantly improve our region's multimodal transportation infrastructure, consistent with our mission to enhance economic prosperity in the Columbia Corridor. We urge the Oregon Transportation Commission's support for these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corky Collier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Corky Collier  
Executive Director