



# CANYON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear TIGER Grant Review Committee:

Canyon County is in full support of the Valley Regional Transit East/West Commute Corridors Alternative Transportation Package project. This comprehensive project will provide the infrastructure and capital improvements needed to meet current transit demands in our region and position our transit service to handle future growth.

Currently, there is not enough service on the east/west corridor to serve the people of Canyon County, and as a Board of Commissioners, it is a priority for us to help provide this service, as well as take vehicles off the busy roadways during commuting hours.

The service additions will test demand along current gaps in our east/west commute corridors and the high capacity corridor study will lay the ground work for a system to meet future needs.

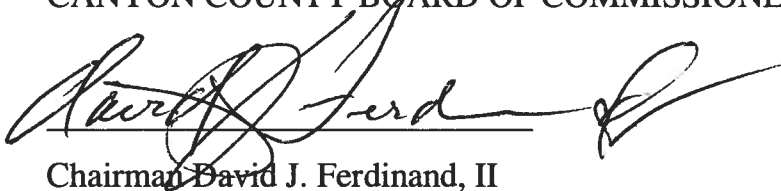
The Treasure Valley is one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. The majority of residential growth in the valley has been in Canyon County, which is east of Boise, the valley's employment center. This results in a significant east/west daily commute along limited roadway corridors. In addition to this growing traffic problem, the Treasure Valley is bordering on air quality non-attainment.

ARRA funding of these capital and service projects will allow Canyon County and the other participating jurisdictions in our region to save and pool local matching funds to add new services and increase frequencies on existing service in the future. Without these ARRA funds, it would take nearly 10 years for our region to complete these projects and there would be very limited resources to increase service.

The Canyon County Board of Commissioners fully supports this project because it meets the ARRA objectives of creating immediate job growth and economic stimulation and will position our region to grow well into the future. We thank you for considering this project for funding.

Sincerely,

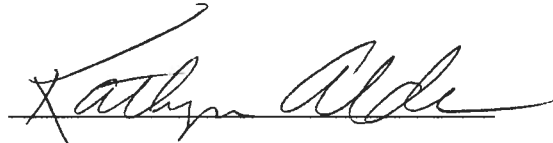
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