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Dear TIGER Grant Review Committee:

The City of Eagle, Idaho is submitting this letter in support of the Valley Regional Transit East/West Commute Corridors Alternative Transportation Package project. This comprehensive project will provide infrastructure and capital improvements needed to meet current transit demands in our region and position our transit service to handle future growth. Service additions will test demand along current gaps in our east/west commute corridors and the high capacity corridor study will lay the groundwork for a system to meet future needs.

The Treasure Valley is one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. As such, the significant need for transit options continues to grow as well. Recent population growth in the valley has resulted in the majority of housing expansion in neighborhoods of communities such as the City of Eagle located west of Boise, the regional employment center.

Growth in outlying communities has resulted in a significant east/west daily commute along limited roadway corridors. Related to this growing traffic congestion problem, the Treasure Valley Airshed is bordering on non-attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Should the airshed go into nonattainment, there will be significant human health, environmental, and economic consequences to the region.

ARRA funding of these capital and service projects will allow the City of Eagle and the other participating jurisdictions in our region to save and pool local matching funds to add new service 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 City of Eagle 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,



MAYOR PHIL BANDY
City of Eagle