



# Clatsop County

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To the Transportation Growth Management Grant Program Review Committee:

We are writing to support the City of Astoria's application for a Greater Tongue Point Area Plan to address urgent safety needs of the area as well as long-standing issues preventing housing development and job growth. The resources from the TGM Grant will allow multiple partners to work together to address the complex issues in an area that has great economic and community significance to us.

From Clatsop County's perspective, we see great value in an area plan that can help strategize how to resolve these issues. We believe the coming growth and development in the Tongue Point Area will be beneficial to Astoria, our economy, and the safety of the students and employees that utilize the area. The County has made investments to support the continued viability of the Tongue Point area because we understand how important it is to the well-being of our community and economy.

We have full faith in the City of Astoria to manage this grant award and work well with an appropriate contractor to complete the plan. The City has benefitted greatly from recent plans including Uniontown Reborn and the River Front Vision plan. Clatsop County has been and intends to continue to be an active partner in collaborating with the City and our partners on solutions for Greater Tongue Point area.

The interconnected nature, and unique history, of the Greater Tongue Point area will require this type of planning to fully realize its inherent assets. Funding from the Transportation Growth Management grant will allow the City of Astoria and its partners to create a robust plan that engages a wide range of voices and that can facilitate a wide range of solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Kujala".

Mark Kujala,  
Chair, Board of Commissioners