

The Mowers reluctantly are willing to consider relocation under the same circumstances that we communicated to you in our meeting in 2012; essentially that it would require no cash contribution and would include: (The 12 specific qualities.)

Those same specific qualities were again articulated in our **August 13, 2015** letter to Secretary of Transportation Foxx. What has also been consistent is that Northwest Drywall has yet to receive a formal offer or even been told where in the rail park Northwest Drywall would be located.

We are disturbed by the economics of the proposed rail park from a lease or purchase, business standpoint. The lease rate was promoted to us in our 2015 discussions as \$0.40 a square foot per annum with a 3-5 acre minimum. This puts the lease at \$17,424.00 per Acre per year, well over double (almost triple) the price we pay to lease bare railroad property on which we built our facility and business in another Montana market. The sales price is \$220,000.00 per acre. We cannot imagine other businesses being enticed by those rates.

It is unfortunate that due to this poor execution of the planning phase for this taxpayer funded project, we (stakeholders) must aggressively defend and protect our business and its very foundation by pulling support for the TIGER grant as promised in our letter dated June 4, 2015. Montana West Economic Development is a publically funded nonprofit organization whose mission includes "providing quality job growth and retention". We guess they are referring to their own jobs not those provided by small businesses like ours. Did MWED forget that small businesses are the economic engine that drives growth in not only the Flathead Valley but also Montana and our country?

Respectfully,



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