



American Planning Association
New Jersey Chapter

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Hon. Dawn Zimmer, Mayor
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Dear Mayor Zimmer:

The American Planning Association- New Jersey chapter (APA-NJ) is pleased to submit this letter of support in favor of Hoboken's TIGER grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

In 2010, the American Planning Association (APA) designated Washington Street as one of the Top 10 "Great Places in America" and in 2014 Hoboken's downtown, which encompasses Washington Street, won the APA-NJ People's Choice Award for "Great Downtowns". This is a significant achievement as this contest was decided by 11,421 online ballots cast between August 22 and September 26 and was open to residents throughout the State of New Jersey.

We understand that Washington Street's infrastructure is antiquated and in need of major repair and rehabilitation and we commend the City of Hoboken for creating a redesign plan to make Washington Street into a "Complete Street". When implemented, Hoboken's plan will improve safety, environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness and the quality of life for Hoboken residents.

Hoboken's plan embraces all of the best policies and plans that organizations like the American Planning Association and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) promote. Thus, we are pleased to endorse Hoboken's TIGER grant application and strongly urge the USDOT to favorably consider Hoboken's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles W. Latini, Jr." in a cursive script.

Charles Latini, Jr., PP/AICP
President
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