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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER Grant Application for Washington Street Rehabilitation Hoboken, New Jersey

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in support of the City of Hoboken's TIGER grant application to rehabilitate, resurface and revitalize Washington Street.

If funded, the TIGER grant will leverage federal flood mitigation investments currently being planned through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rebuild By Design (RBD) Hudson River Project in Hoboken and parts of Jersey City and Weehawken. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is the project lead for this \$230 million grant to design and implement a major flood prevention and control strategy for the area. Several components of the TIGER Grant work will benefit the RBD project.

An important portion of the proposed TIGER grant project will promote environmental sustainability through the implementation of green infrastructure to capture storm water run-off to reduce non-point source pollution, urbanized flooding, and sewer overflows to the Hudson River. An estimated \$750,000 would be used to install green infrastructure at 15 curb locations and 15 midblock locations in the construction area along Washington Street. Additionally, the proposal envisions replacement of some intersection drainage piping.

The City of Hoboken's TIGER Grant Application is an outstanding example of how the work of federal departments can complement each other to realize common goals while avoiding duplication of effort and making prudent use of federal dollars.

I support Hoboken's application and recommend that the USDOT favorably consider Hoboken's TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,

Bob Martin
Commissioner