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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-3013

May 28, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey's application for grant funding under the Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) FY 2015 Discretionary Grant, entitled "Washington Street 'Complete' Redesign."

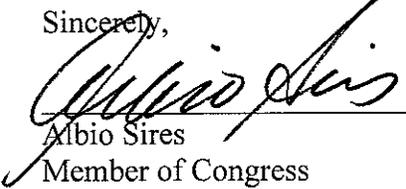
The City of Hoboken's proposed project is an ideal candidate that would exemplify TIGER objectives because it would enhance the connectivity and safety of multi-modal travel in Hoboken's bustling business district. Washington Street, Hoboken's historic main street, connects 14,000 bus riders per day between New Jersey and New York and brings thousands of commuters to Hoboken Terminal. The street currently suffers from traffic and parking congestion, sidewalks in a state of disrepair, a storm drain runoff system that funnels stormwater directly into the city's combined-sewage system, and deficient street lighting.

After engaging the community in an outreach program, the City of Hoboken has established a set of "Smart, Green, and Complete" goals for Washington Street, which are included in its TIGER application. Highlights of this plan include repaving the roadway to include parking and commercial loading zones, constructing a two-way bike lane, improving intersections with ADA-compliant elements and high visibility crosswalks, upgrading bus shelters, and introducing green infrastructure including tree pits and rain gardens to mitigate flooding and absorb stormwater runoff.

I support the City of Hoboken's proposal to revitalize Washington Street, because it offers a pragmatic solution to addressing its current deficiencies while preserving its historic character. Enhancing mobility through sustainable, multimodal transportation infrastructure will intrinsically improve quality of life for residents and garner economic development for businesses in Hoboken.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I appreciate the critical work that the U.S. Department of Transportation does for New Jersey and the nation, and hope to work with you to improve infrastructure through this initiative that will benefit the local area and the region.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress