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The Honorable Dawn Zimmer  
Mayor, City of Hoboken  
94 Washington Street  
Hoboken, NJ 07030

**RE: Letter of Support for Hoboken, NJ's Application for a USDOT TIGER Grant  
for Washington St. Revitalization Project**

Dear Mayor Zimmer:

The City of Hoboken continues to play a key role in the remarkable, ongoing transformation of Hudson County from a rustbelt community in decline into an ever more green, modern engine of economic growth and jobs for the state of New Jersey. And at the heart of Hoboken's transformation has been a critical regional corridor: Washington Street.

As you well know, Washington Street is Hoboken's historic "Main Street" and central business district—one that has rightly earned its designation as a "Great Street" by the American Planning Association. But as Washington Street accommodates the growing multimodal activity that is the hallmark of a vibrant community's central artery, we must work to make it safer and more usable for all.

Everyday, Washington Street connects 14,000 bus riders between New York and New Jersey; thousands more commuters travel it to reach the Hoboken Terminal Regional Transit Hub. 18,000 pedestrians trod its sidewalks and 9,000 personal vehicles ride the road between.

Undergirded by your continuing commitments to “Complete Streets” principles, disaster resiliency and a truly well thought-out Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Hoboken has carried out an extensive community-based planning process to redesign Washington Street. And that process has yielded a plan for a truly safer, more enjoyable thoroughfare for all users.

That is why I am so pleased to offer this letter of support for the City’s application for a USDOT TIGER Grant for the Washington Street Revitalization Project. And to repeat my pledge to do all we can in County government to support Washington Street’s transformation. A better Washington Street will mean a stronger Hudson County today—and in the future.

Please contact my office if I can be of any further assistance in this matter. Please know we remain a steadfast partner in your efforts to improve transportation infrastructure in Hoboken.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. DeGise

Hudson County Executive