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Hon. Anthony Foxx  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: USDOT TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I wish to express my full and unwavering support for the City of Hoboken's application for a federal TIGER Grant for Washington Street's Complete Streets Redesign. If awarded this opportunity, I know the quality of life for our residents and business community along Washington Street would be greatly enhanced.

As a retired police captain, I understand the need to renovate the street for safety purposes. As a small business owner on Washington Street, I am fully supportive of the City's vision for the complete streets redesign which entails a number of benefits to the small business community, including greater traffic signalization, improved pedestrian safety with high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian countdown timers, safer parking options. The plan will also help to alleviate the double parking that has become commonplace on Washington Street. I am also pleased that the application includes a number of green infrastructure additions, including rain garden curb extensions which are part of a comprehensive strategy to help address flooding in Hoboken.

A complete streets approach will enhance the economic vitality of small businesses all along Hoboken's commercial corridor. Studies show that small businesses in New York City have had substantial economic benefit due to the creation of safe facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

As an advocate of residents taking public transportation to work, I know how important Washington Street is in connecting residents to the four main modes of transportation to New York City and other parts of the state - the ferries, buses, the PATH, and trains. With Washington Street serving as a conduit to public transportation, this grant will assist more residents to take mass transit and leave their cars behind.

Once again, I lend my full support to the City of Hoboken's application for the TIGER grant. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

  
Captain Anthony L. Romano