May 28, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Dawn Zimmer
City of Hoboken
City Hall
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Re: USDOT TIGER Grant Application - Washington Street Renovation

Dear Mayor Zimmer:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the City of Hoboken’s grant application to rehabilitate and resurface Washington Street through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

The TIGER program focuses primarily on criteria such as state of good repair, safety, sustainability, livability, and economic competitiveness. This renovation will create a benchmark for both innovation and partnership. The grant will provide the City with a good opportunity to resubmit a bike-sharing system for funding, and a bike-sharing system addresses many of USDOT’s long-term goals and objectives, such as providing regional benefits, strengthening regional partnerships and promoting multimodal travel by increasing connectivity and feasibility of using transit throughout the region, and increasing affordable transportation options.

This project is an important component of the excellent research environment the city of Hoboken provides, which will foster the success of your endeavors. The future prosperity of our communities will be greatly influenced by the details of a new infrastructure plan on such an historic Street. This grant will eventually document the growth and development of the physical facilities on Washington Street.

In closing, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to show support for this renovation, and I again strongly recommend the awarding of this grant to the City of Hoboken. If I may be of any other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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Robert DiVincent,
Interim Executive Director