May 28, 2015

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

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the New Jersey Alliance for Action, I would like to extend my full support and endorsement to the City of Hoboken for its $14 million TIGER grant application to rehabilitate, resurface and revitalize Washington Street.

The New Jersey Alliance for Action is comprised of over 2,500 of New Jersey's top corporate, labor, professional, academic and governmental representatives. The Alliance's mission is to improve New Jersey's economy through the promotion of capital construction and infrastructure investment. We commend the City of Hoboken for employing a “fix it first” strategy to keep this vital roadway in a state of good repair. Washington Street is a vital commercial corridor in northern New Jersey and if funded, the project will enhance Hoboken's economic competitiveness. Hoboken is also a combined sewer community and the project will promote environmental sustainability through the implementation of green infrastructure to capture stormwater run-off to reduce non-point source (NPS) pollution and illicit discharges to the Hudson River. Washington Street's infrastructure is old and in need of major repair and rehabilitation. I understand that the City of Hoboken is offering to replace its 120 year old water main and services as part of a $5 million local match. If funded, this would improve the overall quality of life in an extremely urbanized central city environment.

Hoboken's project is transformative and catalytic for a community heavily impacted by Superstorm Sandy. I strongly support Hoboken's project and highly recommend that the USDOT favorably Consider Hoboken's TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,

Phil Beachem
President