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May 14, 2015

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

**Re: 2015 DOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Application for Washington Street Revitalization Project, City of Hoboken**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for 13 counties in northern and central New Jersey. As such, it is the federally authorized regional planning agency with responsibility for developing the required long-range transportation plan for the region, as well as the fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This letter is to offer assurance that should funding be made available for the Washington Street Revitalization Project, for which the City of Hoboken is seeking a 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, it will be included in the TIP for the NJTPA region following notice of project award.

In addition, I am pleased to note that the project would address several key investment principles identified in Plan 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan for Northern New Jersey. This includes improving walking and biking facilities and encouraging investment in areas of existing infrastructure to promote wise growth. Plan 2040 also promotes and encourages greater use of public transit in the region, and the Washington Street corridor is a vital link to transit for thousands of travelers every day. Finally, this project would address the NJTPA's highest priority – making travel safer – by improving traffic signals, bike lanes and other critical components of the Washington Street corridor.

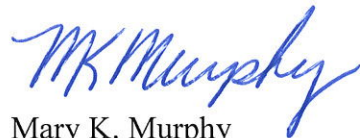
Upon receipt of confirmation that the project has been accepted by USDOT for funding under this program, we will initiate the process of adding it to the TIP. Since such action must meet

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public review requirements and be approved by our Board of Trustees, we would request notification from USDOT at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for considering this project for TIGER funding.

Sincerely,



Mary K. Murphy  
Executive Director