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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, please accept this letter in support of the application submitted to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER) by the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for funding of the Washington Street Revitalization Project. As a host community to the Port Authority's PATH rail transit system, the City of Hoboken is a valued partner that has demonstrated strong use and support for all modes of mass transit commutation, including PATH and bus access to the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT) in midtown New York City. Hoboken's proposed project will improve safety and efficiency in one of the City's key transportation arteries. The project addresses 16 blocks on Washington Street, from Observer Highway to 15th Street, incorporating upgrades to the physical infrastructure of sidewalk and street-to-street furnishings. The project plan includes elements that will enhance the area's transportation and commercial network while respecting Washington Street's outstanding historic character.

Washington Street is a major intermodal transit corridor in Hudson County and northern New Jersey. Many of the NJ Transit buses that run along Washington Street connect Hoboken Terminal with the PABT. Those buses move thousands of commuters everyday to and from stops along Washington Street, which is a major commercial and residential district in the region. The project design will improve functionality, safety and convenience for all modes of transportation including walking, cycling, driving, public transportation, loading and unloading operations and emergency vehicles.

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The City of Hoboken is committed to implementing the project in cooperation with NJ Transit to facilitate efficient and convenient bus service. Redesigned bus shelters and bus stops will enhance the transportation system throughout the region, including connections to the PABT in New York City.

The Washington Street Revitalization Project leverages available resources, encourages cross-region partnerships, and enhances a vital piece of the region's multi-modal transportation system.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



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Cc: The Honorable Dawn Zimmer, Mayor, City of Hoboken