June 23, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are writing to express our support for the City of Hoboken’s application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for the Washington Street revitalization and Complete Streets project. We hope you will give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

This project is an innovative effort to improve safety and mobility across multiple modes of transportation. The project includes high-visibility crosswalks and curb extensions for pedestrians; redesigned bus shelters and improved traffic signal timing for transit riders; Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramps for persons with disabilities; protected bicycle lanes for cyclists; and short-term parking for delivery vehicles and those running quick errands. Given that 35 percent of households in Hoboken do not own a car, a safe and multi-modal transportation network is essential for this community’s mobility and quality of life.

The project also includes a strong focus on sustainability. It includes tree pits, permeable materials to reduce stormwater runoff, and rain-garden curb extensions to mitigate flooding. The project will also incorporate an electrical conduit to serve Hoboken’s microgrid, an alternate power source that will improve the region’s energy resiliency. Your Department has been a steadfast partner in rebuilding the City of Hoboken and other New Jersey towns following Hurricane Sandy—this project is a strong complement to these ongoing resiliency efforts.

We ask that you give all due consideration to the meritorious grant proposal, and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez  
United States Senator

Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator