

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE CITY OF HOBOKEN'S GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO REVITALIZE WASHINGTON STREET**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has announced that it is accepting applications for its "TIGER" grant program which are due June 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the "TIGER" (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant program provides federal funding for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure for projects that leverage resources, encourage partnerships, catalyze investment and growth, fill a critical void in the transportation system or provide a substantial benefit to the nation, region or metropolitan area in which the project is located. Transformative investments anchor broad and long-lasting, positive changes in economic development, safety, quality of life, environmental sustainability or state of good repair); and

WHEREAS, Washington Street is Hoboken's "Main Street" and central business district, a major retail corridor, a major transit/intermodal corridor, a designated historic district and is a regionally significant economic engine for northern New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area; and ---

WHEREAS, in 2010 the American Planning Association recognized Washington Street as one of the top 10 "Great Places in America"; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the New Jersey chapter of the American Planning Association recognized Hoboken's downtown as one of the top "Great Places in New Jersey"; and

WHEREAS, Washington Street's infrastructure is antiquated and in need of major repair and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken completed a redesign plan to make Washington Street into a "complete street" with an engineer's estimate of probable construction costs of approximately \$14 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken wishes to submit a TIGER grant application to the United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) requesting \$14 million for the rehabilitation, resurfacing and revitalization of Washington Street;

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken has engaged in a robust public planning process with numerous public meetings involving hundreds of city residents and on-line public opinion surveys which queried over 700 participants; and

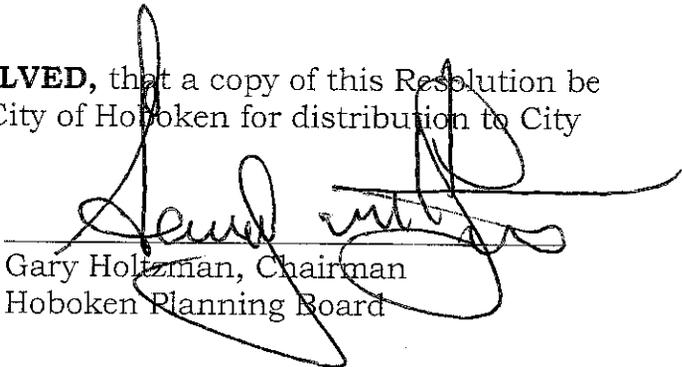
WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken's TIGER grant proposal to rehabilitate, resurface and revitalize Washington Street is consistent with the Hoboken municipal master plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on the 2nd day of June, 2015, upon a motion made by Caleb McKenzie and seconded by Ryan Peene that the Board has reviewed the proposed resolution and fully supports and endorses the City of Hoboken's TIGER grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$14 million to rehabilitate, resurface and revitalize Washington Street which is the main commercial, economic, intermodal, transit and historic corridor in our community.

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: Frank Magaletta, Caleb Stratton,
Brandy Forbes, Jim Doyle, Ann Graham, Caleb McKenzie, Ryan Peene
IN FAVOR: Gary Holtzman

OPPOSED: None

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Hoboken for distribution to City Council.



Gary Holtzman, Chairman
Hoboken Planning Board

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified the attached is a true copy of the Resolution considered and duly adopted as to form by the Planning Board at its regular meeting on June 2, 2015.



Patricia Carcone, Secretary
Hoboken Planning Board