

June 4, 2015

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: FY2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant  
I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project – Matching Funds**

**Dear Secretary Foxx,**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh ("URA") wishes to reiterate our highest level of support for the FY2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant for I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project ("Cap Project"), as submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("SEA"). Furthermore, this letter confirms that it is our expectation that we will provide funding to assist in the local funding match.

The SEA's TIGER request would support construction costs of the I-579 "Cap." The Cap Project structure will span over the Interstate 579 Crosstown Boulevard highway creating a new urban public connector that will improve pedestrian and bicycle movement, remediate a physical and psychological barrier that currently separates the Hill District and Downtown, and increase job and economic opportunities for residents of the distressed Hill District community.

The SEA has indicated in its TIGER VII application that the URA will provide a contribution in the amount of \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) that will be used towards construction costs for the I-579 "Cap" as local match in its FY2015 TIGER application.

Subject to appropriate approvals by the URA Board and funding availability, the URA affirms that we expect to provide this local funding contribution as needed. The Cap Project is a transformational opportunity to leverage private development, improve mobility and access, and reconnect the Central Business District of the City of Pittsburgh with the historic Greater Hill District neighborhood; it is a top regional priority.

Sincerely,



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