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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 Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("SEA") is an applicant for a FY2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant (TIGER VII) for the I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project.

The TIGER VII grant request will support the construction costs of the I-579 "Cap" project. The "cap" structure will span over the Interstate 579 Crosstown Boulevard highway, creating a new 3-acre public green space with safe, accessible pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

Constructing a "cap" over the I-579 highway will be transformative for the region. The project will open a new avenue for the community to grow and prosper by establishing a connector between a high economic generator (Downtown) and a disadvantaged neighborhood (Hill District).

The SEA has indicated in its TIGER VII application that the SEA will provide a contribution in the amount of \$315,000 (three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars) that will be used towards the construction costs of the I-579 "Cap" project as local match. Subject to appropriate approvals by the SEA Board, if required, this letter affirms that the SEA will provide this funding contribution as needed.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Conturo
Executive Director