



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

“America’s Most Livable City”

Office of Mayor William Peduto

April 26, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (Authority) is submitting an application for an FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant to help fund the costs of constructing a “Cap” over I-579. The “Cap” structure will span over the below grade section of the I-579 Crosstown Boulevard between the Centre Ave and Bigelow Boulevard Bridges. It will create a new 3-acre urban public open space providing inviting, accessible and simplified routes for walking and biking between the Downtown and the underserved Hill District.

The Authority is working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the Project. PennDOT will permit the construction of the Cap Project in the air rights above I-579 through a license agreement among the Commonwealth, through PennDOT, the Authority and the City. The City will work with PennDOT and the Authority in order to have the necessary documentation in place prior to the start of construction.

The City will be the owner of the I-579 “Cap” Project upon its completion.

Sincerely,

William Peduto
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh