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

RE: FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant, I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write in support of the Pittsburgh Sports and Exhibition Authority's application for the I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project for FY2016 TIGER Funding. This project, supported by a range of local, state, and federal officials, would revitalize a long-neglected area of Pittsburgh and connect Pittsburgh's Hill District with downtown, and is vital to restoring this historic neighborhood.

The Hill District (a historically minority and underserved community) was unjustly separated from the center of the city in the 1950s with the construction of I-579. The neighborhood has lost 80% of its population since and remains distressed, isolated from the rest of the city. I am encouraged by increased interest from local businesses and corporations in investing in this under-developed neighborhood and the CAP project is a key component of continuing that momentum by allowing access to multi-modal transportation options and creating a safe, accessible connection for walking and biking between the Hill District and downtown Pittsburgh. Completion of the CAP project would result in hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment in the adjacent 28-acre development with the input of community leaders throughout. Construction of the "cap" would utilize green infrastructure strategies and add to the city's urban forest cover, help mitigate noise, and reduce urban heat island effects.

I believe this project strongly aligns with the Department of Transportation's priorities and ladders of opportunity by creating new and safe connections required to reconnect people from a historically distressed neighborhood to centers of employment, education and essential services; promoting workforce development; and contributing to community revitalization. This application is stronger than previous iterations with a lower federal share and is in a more advanced stage of project development. I certainly feel that it is primed for approval.

Again, I would like to emphasize my complete support for this important project. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide any additional materials or information, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Doyle".  
Mike Doyle  
Member of Congress