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

RE: TIGER Grant Letter of Support - I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please accept this letter in support of the FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant ("FY2016 TIGER") application for the I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project as submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("SEA").

The "Cap" project is a multi-agency initiative and will be transformative for the economically disadvantaged Hill District community in the City of Pittsburgh. The "Cap" project strongly aligns with US Department of Transportation's priorities and "ladders of opportunity." The "Cap" project will provide for safe and accessible pathways to reconnect people from the low-income Hill District neighborhood to centers of employment, education and critical services in Pittsburgh's downtown central business district. The "Cap" project will also promote workforce development for underserved people and contribute to community revitalization.

The "Cap" project is a key infrastructure element that will support the ongoing redevelopment in the Hill District. The first phase of construction of roadway work in the 28-acre site to the east is underway which will support a new, mixed-use redevelopment estimated to attract over \$379 million in private investment.

The commonwealth is in full support of the I-579 "Cap" project and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of the FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant application.

Please feel free to contact either of our offices should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TOM WOLF
Governor of Pennsylvania

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LESLIE S. RICHARDS
Secretary of Transportation