

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 11, 2016

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

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to you in support of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County's (SEA) application for a FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant ("TIGER VIII") to assist with the cost of the construction of the I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector (I-579 "Cap").

The "Cap" structure will span over Interstate 579 Crosstown Boulevard highway and create a new urban public connector that will simplify pedestrian movement and will offer an inviting, accessible route for walking and biking between the Hill District and Downtown. In total, the cap will create an additional three acres of public open space and will utilize green infrastructure strategies.

This project strongly aligns with US DOT's priorities and "ladders of opportunity" by creating i) new and safe connections needed to reconnect people from a historically distressed neighborhood (Hill District) to centers of employment, education and essential services (downtown central business district); ii) promote workforce development; and, iii) contribute to community revitalization. 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).

Again, please accept this letter as a sign of support for the SEA's TIGER VIII application for this transformative project within the Allegheny County.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Fitzgerald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rich Fitzgerald
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