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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,

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

As owner of the DoubleTree in downtown Pittsburgh, I know firsthand that the highway currently acts as a barrier for the downtown area; the "Cap" project will be able to extend downtown Pittsburgh, opening up the city to future developments.

Furthermore, the "Cap" project will be transformative for the economically disadvantaged Hill District community. The project strongly aligns with US DOT's priorities, and will help reconnect people from an underserved Hill District neighborhood to centers of employment, education and critical services in downtown Pittsburgh.

Finally, the "Cap" project will provide for safe and accessible walking and bicycle pathways, sustainable strategies such as stormwater management, as well as landscaping and other surface improvements that will create an inviting public urban connector of approximately 3 acres.

I am in full support of the I-579 "Cap" project and respectfully request your favorable consideration of the FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Hunt".

William E. Hunt