

June 3, 2015

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

**RE: FY2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant  
I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

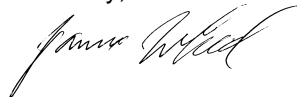
The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) supports The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh (SEA) and Allegheny County's FY2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant ("TIGER VII") application for the construction of the I-579 "Cap" Urban Connector Project.

The "Cap" project will be transformative for the Pittsburgh region by reconnecting downtown to the Hill District and unlocking the next wave of reinvestment, redevelopment and revitalization of the City. The I-579 "Cap" will be an independent, standalone structure with surface improvements consisting of ADA pedestrian and bicycle pathways, stormwater management and other sustainable strategies, landscaping, and other fixed site components that will create a public urban open space of approximately three acres.

The project plans to utilize green infrastructure strategies, including capturing the majority of stormwater on the site. Plants and trees will be native or adapted, and this new open space will add to the City's urban forest cover. This new greenspace complements PWSA's efforts to improve green infrastructure and sustainability in the City of Pittsburgh and will directly contribute to the reduction of stormwater and urban heat island effects, while also meeting regulatory requirements of our Consent Order and Agreement with the State DEP and Allegheny County Health Department.

This project will benefit the entire region with multi-agency partnerships and related stakeholders. PWSA looks forward to continued collaboration with the SEA for improvements in the City.

Sincerely,



James L. Good  
Executive Director