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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").

The Thelma Lovette YMCA (TLY) is a community-based organization focused on services to youth, adults, and seniors in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The TLY knows the lasting personal and social change comes when we work together. That is why, at the YMCA, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and strive. This is why we support the "cap" project. As a community organization we understand the importance of connecting affluent area (Downtown) and an under-resourced neighborhood (Hill District) will enable potential employment, education and living a healthy lifestyle.

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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