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May 18, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: USDOT TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant
Hoboken, New Jersey Washington Street Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I have the privilege of representing the City of Hoboken in the New Jersey State Legislature. Hoboken is one of the most densely populated cities in the country. Further, Hudson County is the sixth most densely populated county in the United States, and **four of the five** most densely populated municipalities in the country (including Hoboken) are located within Hudson County.

I write to express my full and unfettered support for Hoboken's application for funding under USDOT's TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant for the critical project entitled the Washington Street Redesign Project. With the current limitations of the street design on Washington Street, the city is experiencing greater automobile traffic and parking congestion, sidewalks left in disrepair, storm drains that collect runoff directly into its combined sewer systems, lighting that is outdated, and a diminished quality of life and safety for my constituents.

I support the City of Hoboken's grant application because it would increase the mobility and connectivity of Washington Street, while also allowing for residents and tourists to support the businesses that surround the neighboring area. The project outlined in the application is a practical solution that would attract hundreds of visitors, pave the way for greener infrastructure, redesign transportation systems, and address the growing issue of street congestion caused by

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delivery trucks, buses, and shoppers. It entails the complete repaving of the roadway, redesigned bus shelters and stops, improved lighting, new water mains in every building on Washington Street, and the installation of a two way protected bike lanes to provide safe bicycle access.

This initiative would greatly improve the quality of life and expand economic development for Washington Street and the City of Hoboken. I urge your favorable consideration of its merits.

I appreciate your kind consideration of Hoboken's application and my comments. If I can be of any assistance during the evaluation process, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (201) 420-4000. I eagerly await good news.

Thank you for your invaluable service to our country.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Mukherji". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

RAJ MUKHERJI

Assemblyman, New Jersey State Legislature

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The Honorable Cory A. Booker, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Albio Sires, U.S. Congressman
The Honorable Dawn Zimmer, Mayor of Hoboken
Honorable Members of the Hoboken City Council