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The Honorable Dawn Zimmer, Mayor
City of Hoboken
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Dear Mayor Zimmer,

On behalf of Stevens Institute of Technology, I am writing to express my support for the City of Hoboken's grant application for the Washington Street Redesign Project through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The completion of this project is vital to the future of the City of Hoboken, its residents, and the business and education communities.

As Hoboken's fourth largest employer with just under 1,000 employees and approximately 6,800 undergraduate and graduate students, Stevens shares the City's commitment to promoting safe, efficient, and green transportation options. For example, over the last five years, Stevens has added four shuttles which now accommodate 2,000 riders per day; installed 10 new bike racks that can accommodate 64 bikes, increasing the campus bike parking supply to 254. As a result of these and other initiatives, we have reduced the demand for parking by 1% over the same period that our community has grown by 10%.

The Washington Street Redesign Project will enhance the safety and convenience of commuters to campus traveling via automobile, mass transit, bicycle as well as pedestrians. This project will be a tremendous improvement to the city's traffic circulation through the repaving of the roadway with two parking lanes and two travel lanes in addition to dedicated commercial loading zones and short-term parking. For mass transit commuters, the project will provide redesigned bus shelters and bus stops along with improved traffic signal timing, which will enhance the efficiency of public transportation.

As America's most walkable city, the Stevens community takes full advantage of pedestrian access throughout Hoboken. The Washington Street Redesign Project will further increase the walkability of the entire length of the roadway. Benefits of this project include improved traffic signals with pedestrian countdown timers at each intersection, ADA-compliant curb ramps and high visibility crosswalks for improved pedestrian safety.

Stevens Institute of Technology strongly supports the City of Hoboken's application for TIGER funding for the completion of the Washington Street Redesign Project. Upon completion, Washington Street will address the needs of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic while

serving as a national model for resiliency, sustainability and economic vitality along a highly utilized urban corridor.

On behalf of Stevens Institute of Technology, our undergraduate and graduate student body, as well as the 175 faculty and staff and more than 600 alumni who live in Hoboken, I offer my strongest support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Farvardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "N".

Nariman Farvardin
President