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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to you on behalf of **Together North Jersey**, a partnership of counties, municipalities, state agencies, businesses, academic institutions and non-profit organizations that have been working together for the past three years to develop a regional action plan for the 13-county North Jersey Transportation Planning Organization region. The City of Hoboken is an active Together North Jersey partner and participates as a member of the Together North Jersey Steering Committee.

In 2011, Together North Jersey received a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As part of that award, the region received *Preferred Sustainability Status*, under which applications for federal funding and other programs administered by HUD, USDOT, USEPA may receive "bonus points" and/or priority consideration for projects that seek to advance the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities Livability Principles.

**Given the region's Preferred Sustainability Status, I would like to request that priority consideration be given to the City of Hoboken's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program.** The City of Hoboken has requested \$14,000,000 for the Washington Street "Complete Street" redesign project, which will revitalize, rehabilitate, and resurface Hoboken's historic Washington Street the spine of the in the city's Central Business District.

The Washington Street plan is based on Complete Streets principles and the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to expand access to safe transportation for all residents. The plan will improve pedestrian and commuter safety through curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, dedicated short term parking and loading spaces, new bicycle facilities, and enhanced access to public transportation. The project will also support commerce and economic vitality through investments in green infrastructure, a fiber optic spine, new water mains, and commercial loading zones.

These outcomes are central to the goals and objectives of the Together North Jersey planning initiative and the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities livability principles. I hope that you will agree that this project is worthy of funding and that you look favorably on its selection for a TIGER grant award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon A. Carnegie".

Jon A. Carnegie, AICP/PP  
Project Director  
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