

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

April 24, 2014

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

**RE: FY2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant
Lower Hill Redevelopment Infrastructure Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write today to convey my support of the FY 2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application for the Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny (SEA). This project is the County's highest priority TIGER project for the region.

The infrastructure improvements as set forth in the application strongly align with US DOT's priorities and "ladders of opportunity" by creating multi-modal choices needed to connect people from a historically distressed neighborhood to centers of employment, education and essential services. The "cap" will provide urban open space, opportunities for development, and pedestrian and bike-friendly access to the City's central business district.

The planned infrastructure improvements will support the redevelopment of a 28 acre site located in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The development program is anticipated to have a significant economic impact on the region and will create approximately 4,000 jobs during construction and approximately 3,000 permanent jobs when fully built-out. It is anticipated to attract private investment of over \$379 million.

To the extent that there are actions required by Allegheny County, County departments and agencies will be directed to take appropriate steps as efficiently and timely as possible. In addition, together with the City, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Arena Real Estate Redevelopment, LP, the County will assure that funding is available as needed to maintain the design and preconstruction schedule set forth in the application.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer this letter of support. I urge its positive review and recommendation. Should you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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