



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 24, 2014

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

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express support for the Sports & Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County's (SEA's) FY2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant application requesting \$21.46 million for the Lower Hill redevelopment infrastructure project. The Lower Hill neighborhood represents a key opportunity for a growing Pittsburgh region. As Pittsburgh continues to attract people, businesses and global attention, this significant project will provide a vital foundation to connecting the region's cultural, economic and educational resources.

As a significant stakeholder in the neighborhood for more than 135 years, Duquesne has been a proud partner in our City's progress. The Lower Hill project, which will support the redevelopment of a 28-acre site, comes at a time when complementary investments have been made by the University, as well as the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Penguins, UPMC Mercy and many others. It also will help to connect residents of a historically distressed neighborhood to centers of education, employment and essential services.

While a portion of the project is currently underway, the TIGER VI funds will be used as gap funding to complete remaining essential elements, including a new urban street grid, sidewalks, street lighting, storm water planters and utility lines. In addition, the grant will provide for final design of a "cap" over the interstate highway, which will eventually reconnect the Lower Hill neighborhood to Downtown Pittsburgh. The cap will physically provide open space, opportunities for development, and multi-modal access to the City's Central Business District.

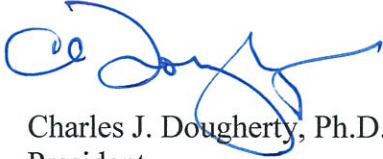
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Duquesne University supports the SEA's application for TIGER Grant funding for the Lower Hill Redevelopment Infrastructure Project. We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Dougherty", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President