



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 Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny (SEA). The project is a top regional priority and will have a significant economic impact on the region and help fill the adjacent Cambria Suites hotel with new patrons. We wish to convey to you our highest level of support for, and urge your approval of this FY 2014 TIGER grant application.

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. It is anticipated that the development 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, and provide 606,000 sq ft of Class A office space, over 254,000 sq ft of commercial space, a 150 room hotel, a 2.8 acres of urban open green space, and 1,191 residential units.

The TIGER VI grant would help to fund construction of a portion of a new urban street grid for the 28-acre site, improvements to surrounding roads of Centre Avenue, Bedford Avenue, Crawford Street and Washington Place, streetscape improvements to Fifth Avenue, Washington Place and Crawford & Pride Street, and the final design of a "cap" over Interstate 579 Crosstown Boulevard.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,

J.P. Morgan, P.E.
Horizon Properties