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October 24, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Re: Jersey City TIGER III Application for Jersey Avenue Extension and Bridge over Mill Creek

Dear Secretary LaHood:

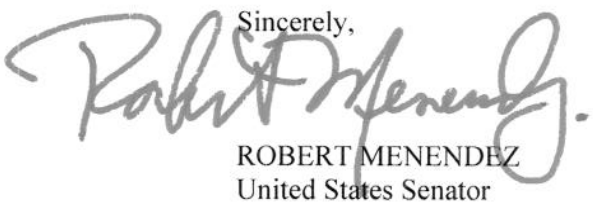
This letter is in support of Jersey City's TIGER III application to extend Jersey Avenue, including a bridge over Mill Creek. The Jersey Avenue extension will enhance access to Liberty State Park, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty from downtown Jersey City neighborhoods and the financial district. Additionally, the extension will be of critical importance in times of emergency evacuation.

Currently, Jersey Avenue terminates at the water's edge. Without the extension of Jersey Avenue and the bridge over Mill Creek, a detour through the Lafayette neighborhood in Jersey City is required to gain access to and from the area. The Jersey Avenue extension is the missing link between downtown Jersey City, New Jersey's center of finance, and the region's largest natural asset, Liberty State Park. Opened in 1976 to coincide with the bicentennial celebration, Liberty State Park is the point of ferry service in New Jersey to both Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Directly across from lower Manhattan, it was also the point of emergency evacuation operations on September 11, 2011.

Without the Jersey Avenue extension, Jersey City will continue to lose immeasurable amounts of time and revenue in terms of safety, the regional economy and tourism. It is estimated that the completion of the Jersey Avenue extension would reduce passenger miles traveled by 5.7 million miles per year. It would also save an estimated 1.3 million visitor and commuter hours per year. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, time in the New York/Northern New Jersey region is valued at $15.47 per hour. With this knowledge, it is a given that this critical infrastructure is hugely significant to the economic health of the region.

I fully support the funding of the $18.4 million to provide the missing link to this region's transportation needs. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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September 30, 2011

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Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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Access to the Park from the region's economic hub, downtown Jersey City has been impossible due to the existing cutoff of Jersey Avenue on its south end. This downtown area is New Jersey's center of finance. The existing gap between downtown and the region's largest natural asset continues to cost the City and State of New Jersey an immeasurable amount of revenue in terms of safety, the regional economy, and tourism. This impediment to safety captured widespread attention on September 11, 2001, when emergency operations were hampered, due to difficulties in getting into and out of the Park. This condition is primarily the result of a relatively small but critical missing link in the City's local road network, where Jersey Avenue terminates at the water's edge.

Funding is being sought to complete this critical ½ mile link that will greatly connect the region's key points, provide accessibility and safety, and cut down on vehicle miles travelled. This result of this connection will be to reduce the number of vehicle miles and passenger miles traveled on the network by 5.7 million miles per year. In addition it will save visitors and commuters about 1.3 million hours per year. According to the Texas Transportation Institute time in the New York/Northern New Jersey region is valued at $15.47 per hour. Completion of this ½ mile transportation link is therefore vital to the economic health of the region.

I urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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October 3, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Re: City of Jersey City Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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I strongly urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Donald M. Payne

Member of Congress

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Re: **City of Jersey City:**
Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to add my support to the application the City of Jersey City is pursuing for funding to extend one of its main thoroughfares, **Jersey Avenue**, southward into Liberty State Park. This nationally recognized state park opened in 1976 to coincide with the historic bicentennial celebrations and is located on the Upper New York Bay, opposite the State of Liberty, Ellis Island and two miles from the site of the World Trade Center.

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Funding is being sought to complete this critical half-mile link that will greatly connect the region's key points, provide accessibility and safety, and cut down on vehicles miles travelled. I understand that the result of this connection will be to reduce the number of vehicle miles and passenger miles travelled on the network by 5.7 million miles per year. In addition, it will save visitors and commuters about 1.3 million hours per year. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, time in the New York/Northern New Jersey region is valued at $15.47 per hour. Completion of this half-mile transportation link is, therefore, vital to the economic health of the region.

I would urge the United States Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Joan M. Quigley

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October 4, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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We urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham
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September 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Mr. LaHood:

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We urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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State Senator

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September 26, 2011

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extention Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

The City of Jersey City is pursuing funding to extent one of its main thoroughfares, Jersey Avenue, southward into Liberty State Park. This nationally recognized park opened in 1976 to coincide with the historic bicentennial celebrations and is located on the Upper New York Bay, opposite the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and two miles from the site of the World Trade Center.

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Funding is being sought to complete this critical half mile link that will greatly improve connection between the region's key centers of interest, provide vastly greater accessibility and safety, and cut down on vehicle miles traveled on the network by an estimated 5.7 million miles per year. In addition, it will save visitors and commuters about 1.3 million hours per year. According to the Texas Transportation Institute time in the New York/New Jersey region is valued at $15.47 per hour. Completion of this half mile transportation link is therefore vital to the economic health of the region.

We urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. DeGise

Thomas A. DeGise
Hudson County Executive

FROM THE DESK OF
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Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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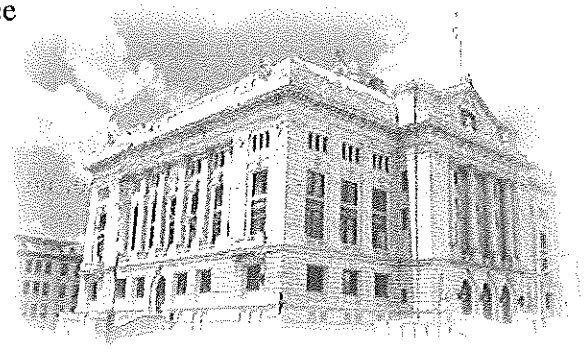

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We urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Romano, Jr.
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The Honorable Ray LaHood
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October 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for 13 northern and central counties in New Jersey. As such it is the federally authorized regional planning and oversight agency with responsibility for developing the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

With this letter, the NJTPA is pleased to support the City of Jersey City's application for discretionary funding for the extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program.

Access to this nationally recognized park from downtown Jersey City, a major regional economic hub, currently is not possible due to the existing cutoff of Jersey Avenue on its south end. The lack of transportation linkage between downtown Jersey City and the park has safety costs and leads to lost revenue from tourism and other regional economic activity.

This condition is primarily the result of a relatively small but critical missing link in the City's local road network, where Jersey Avenue terminates at the water's edge. The proposed project would complete this important half-mile link as a tree lined, traffic- calmed, two lane roadway with sidewalks and bike lanes that will greatly improve area connectivity, accessibility and safety while reducing vehicle miles traveled in the NJTPA region.

All of these outcomes are in keeping with the goals of Plan 2035, the NJTPA region's current long-range transportation plan. The NJTPA's Regional Capital Investment Strategy has eight key guiding principles, and the Jersey Avenue extension would address several of them, including "Make Travel Safer" and "Support Walking and Bicycling." In addition, this project is fully in keeping with several of the overarching NJTPA goals for transportation planning and investment

endorsed by our Board of Trustees, including:

- Retain and increase economic activity and competitiveness.
- Enhance system coordination, efficiency and intermodal connectivity.
- Maintain a safe and reliable transportation system in a state of good

Finally, this letter also offers assurance that the project will be incorporated into the TIP for the NJTPA region upon project award. Upon receipt of confirmation that the project has been accepted by USDOT for funding under this program, we will immediately begin the process of adding this project to the TIP. Since this action requires a public comment period and must be approved by our Board of Trustees, we would request notification at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for considering the Jersey Avenue extension project for TIGER funding.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Murphy
Executive Director

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RE: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

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Funding is being sought to complete this critical 1/2 mile link that will greatly connect the region's key points, provide accessibility and safety, and cut down on vehicle miles traveled. The result of this connection will be to reduce the number of vehicle miles and passenger miles traveled on the network by 5.7 million miles per year. In addition, it will save visitors and commuters about 1.3 million hours per year. According to the Texas Transportation Institute time in the New York/Northern New Jersey region is valued at $15.47 per hour. Completion of this ½ mile transportation link is therefore vital to the economic health of the region.

We urge the US Department of Transportation to include this critically important project among the next round of funded projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William A. Gaughan

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Jersey City Councilman - Ward D

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October 6, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Sincerely,

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DAVID P. DONNELLY
Councilman, Ward B

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
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Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

We are writing to express our support for Jersey City's application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program for the proposed Jersey Avenue Extension.

The planned extension of Jersey Avenue will not only be an asset to the City of Jersey City, but also the entire region and nation. Currently, visitors traveling and staying at the many hotels along the Hudson River Waterfront, and wishing to visit Liberty State Park, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island must take a circuitous route through the City, and create traffic in residential neighborhoods. Extending Jersey Avenue will greatly enhance the region's transportation network and long term sustainability. It will provide a critical extension of a small but regionally significant ½ mile link in transportation that will add safety, economic and tourism value to this region. And it will greatly reduce the cut-through traffic in Jersey City's Lafayette neighborhood.

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The City of Jersey City is ready to accelerate the construction of the project once a commitment for funding is secured.

Please consider this important step in sustainability for the region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, David Donnelly

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NIDIA R. LOPEZ
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October 19, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Sincerely,

Nidia R. Lopez

Councilwoman Nidia R. Lopez
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Access to the Park from the region's economic hub, downtown Jersey City has been impossible due to the existing cutoff of Jersey Avenue on its south end. The premature termination of Jersey Avenue on its south end is costing the region enormous revenue in terms of safety, the regional economy, and tourism. This condition is the result of a relatively small but critical missing link in the City's local road network, where Jersey Avenue terminates at the water's edge.

The City of Jersey City is ready to accelerate the construction of the project once a commitment for funding is secured.

Please consider this important step in sustainability for the region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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VIOLA RICHARDSON
Councilperson Ward F

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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Sincerely,

CITY OF
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RAY VELAZQUEZ, JR.
Councilman at Large

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

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Sincerely,

CITY OF
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KALIMAH AHMAD
Councilwoman at Large

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

We are writing to express our support for Jersey City's application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program for the proposed Jersey Avenue Extension.

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Sincerely,

CITY OF
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PETER BRENNAN
Council President

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extention Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the Tiger Discretionary Grants program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand street over Mill Creek and into Liberty state Park.

The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park will allow the more than 3 million visitors better access between the Statue of Liberty , Ellis Island and the Central railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, New Jersey only sees approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors that use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue will increase the number of visitors that access these national monuments from New Jersey side of the Hudson.

In addition, the extension will also create a direct emergency route from Liberty State Park to the Jersey City Medical Center; this is a critical measure that could reduce the response time during an emergency, thus saving lives. The extension will be built using a complete street design that will allow for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle use. Traffic calming measures as well as pedestrian safety and bicycle safety are included in the design plans.

In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Peter M Brennan

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THE FRIENDS OF LIBERTY STATE PARK

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: **City of Jersey City Jersey Avenue Extension Project**

October 1, 2011

Dear Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood,

We are writing to express our support for Jersey City's application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program for the proposed Jersey Ave. Extension.

The City of Jersey City is ready to accelerate the construction of the project once a commitment for funding is secured.

The Friends of Liberty State Park, our 900 member, 23 year old park advocacy organization, strongly support the Jersey City application to the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program to fund the vital proposed Jersey Avenue Extension project. The planned roadway will be an asset not only to the City of Jersey City but the State of New Jersey and the United States. The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park for people to take ferries to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island is of national importance. Local commuters will also benefit.

The dramatic and panoramic views from Liberty State Park to Lady Liberty and Ellis Island are unparalleled, and the park is New Jerseys only access point to the ferries to these sacred neighboring national monuments.

Also, the Extension is needed to provide essential emergency lanes in case there is a need for police, firefighters and EMS workers to get people out of this beloved park in an emergency. The park is especially crowded on summer weekends and there are tens of thousands of visitors on July 4 and during various cultural and music festivals.

The Extension will play the important function of linking diverse neighborhoods to each other and to one of our nation's greatest urban parks, an inspiring and needed open space oasis for urban people and visitors from everywhere, as Central Park is in Manhattan.

The transportation and commercial vitality in this region depends upon the success of this missing link project. The City of Jersey City request for economic support from the US Department of Transportation for a TIGER Discretionary Grants Program is worthy of very serious consideration and prioritization because of the impact it will have on our city, state and nation.

Respectfully,
Sam Pesin
Sam Pesin, president on behalf of the Board of The Friends of Liberty State Park

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September 30, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park will allow the more than 3 million visitors better access between the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, New Jersey only sees approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors that use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue will increase the number of visitors that access these national monuments from New Jersey side of the Hudson.

In addition, the extension will also create a direct emergency route from Liberty State Park to the Jersey City Medical Center; this is a critical measure that could reduce the response time during an emergency, thus saving lives. The extension will be built using a complete street design that will allow for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle use. Traffic calming measures as well as pedestrian safety and bicycle safety are included in the design plans.

In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

June Jones
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October 3, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City, Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support on behalf of Liberty Science Center for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek into Liberty State Park.

The opening of a direct route into Liberty State Park will allow more than 3 million visitors to better access between the statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, New Jersey only sees approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors that use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue will increase the number of visitors that access these national monuments from the New Jersey side of the Hudson.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network. Liberty Science Center is in full support of the City of Jersey City's application.

Sincerely,

Connie Claman

Connie Claman, CFO and Vice President of Resource Administration

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Jersey City Medical Center

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October 14, 2011

The Honorable Ray Lahood
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. Lahood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park will allow the more than 3 million visitors better access between the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. Most importantly, the extension will create a direct emergency route from Liberty State Park to the Jersey City Medical Center; this is a critical measure that could reduce the response time during an emergency, thus saving lives.

This is also a vital life saving pathway for our Trauma Center. This extension will expedite patients getting to our center within the Golden Hour. Studies show that patients that reach trauma programs and are treated within the first hour have better survival rates. The extension will be built using a complete street design that will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle use. Traffic calming measures as well as pedestrian safety and bicycle safety are included in the design plans.

In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Scott, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer
Liberty Health

CC: Mayor Jerramiah Healy

Liberty Harbor Marina
345 Tenth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

October 4, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. Lahood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the Tiger Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link with the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zak

September 29, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and Liberty State Park.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

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September 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I would like to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. I understand the project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek into Liberty State Park.

The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park will allow the more than 3 million visitors better access between the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, New Jersey only sees approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors that use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue will increase the number of visitors that access these national monuments from the New Jersey side of the Hudson.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Peck

THP:mbr

cc: The Honorable Jerramiah T. Healy, Mayor, Jersey City, NJ

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TiGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park ..

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In conclusion, the 1/2 mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

John Rojan
General Manager

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October 5, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

We at Arch Insurance Group Inc. are pleased to express our support for the City of Jersey City's application to the United States Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and directly into Liberty State Park.

The opening of the direct access route into Liberty State Park will persuade the more than three million annual visitors with better access between the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, New Jersey sees only approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors who use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue will increase the number of visitors who can access these national monuments from the New Jersey side of the Hudson River.

In addition, the extension will also create a direct emergency route from Liberty State Park to Jersey City Medical Center, a critical measure that could reduce the response time during an emergency, and save lives. The extension will be built using a complete street design that will allow for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle use. Traffic calming measures as well as pedestrian safety and bicycle safety are included in the design plans.

In conclusion, the one-half mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly in the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

P.P. Martin J. Nilsen

Martin J. Nilsen

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly to the park thus opening up a vital missing link within the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

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Goldman Sachs

October 17, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

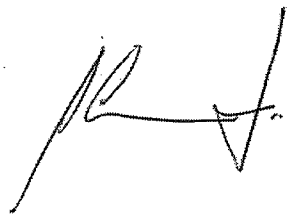
We are pleased to express support for the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project would extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

The opening of a direct access route into Liberty State Park would allow the more than 3 million visitors better access between the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal and the hotels and restaurants in downtown Jersey City. At this time, we understand that New Jersey only sees approximately 40,000 of the 600,000 visitors that use the ferry system to visit these National Historic Areas. The opening of Jersey Avenue would be expected to increase the number of visitors that access these national monuments from the New Jersey side of the Hudson.

In addition, the extension would also create a direct emergency route from Liberty State Park to the Jersey City Medical Center; this is a critical measure that could reduce the response time during an emergency, potentially saving lives.

In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park would allow for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park opening a vital missing link with the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,



Anthony Cammarata Jr.

EAI, Inc.
Environmental Management Services

October 14, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood,

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Jersey City's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

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In conclusion, the ½ mile extension of Jersey Avenue southward into Liberty State Park will allow for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic from the downtown neighborhoods and commercial business district directly into the park, thus opening up a vital missing link with the City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Robert Carvalho
President/CEO

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September 27, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. Lahood:

I am in favor of the City of Jersey City's application to the US Department of Transportation for the Tiger Discretionary Grants Program for the Jersey Avenue Extension Project. This project will extend Jersey Avenue from Grand Street over Mill Creek and into Liberty State Park.

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Sincerely,
Donald Wuertz

Marcia Zak
345 Tenth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

October 1, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

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Sincerely,

Marcia Zak

Liberty Harbor North Brownstone Urban Renewal, LLC
345 Tenth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

September 27, 2011

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Donna McDougall

247-249 Newark Avenue Corp.
345 Tenth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

October 3, 2011

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Adriana Aroca

184 Morgan Street, LLC
345 Tenth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

September 30, 2011

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Zuzzana Kessler
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Director, Public Affairs

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October 13, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: City of Jersey City: Jersey Avenue Extension Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

We are writing to express our support for Jersey City's application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program for the proposed Jersey Avenue Extension.

The planned extension of Jersey Avenue will not only be an asset to the City of Jersey City, but also the entire region and nation. Currently, visitors traveling and staying at the many hotels along the Hudson River Waterfront, and wishing to visit Liberty State Park, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island must take a circuitous route through the City, and create traffic in residential neighborhoods. Extending Jersey Avenue will greatly enhance the region's transportation network and long term sustainability. It will provide a critical extension of a small but regionally significant ½ mile link in transportation that will add safety, economic and tourism value to this region. And it will greatly reduce the cut-through traffic in Jersey City's Lafayette neighborhood.

Access to the Park from the region's economic hub, downtown Jersey City has been impossible due to the existing cutoff of Jersey Avenue on its south end. The premature termination of Jersey Avenue on its south end is costing the region enormous revenue in terms of safety, the regional economy, and tourism. This condition is the result of a relatively small but critical missing link in the City's local road network, where Jersey Avenue terminates at the water's edge.

The City of Jersey City is ready to accelerate the construction of the project once a commitment for funding is secured.

Please consider this important step in sustainability for the region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Nieves
Director, Public Affairs

Douglas Greenfeld

From: Rosemary McFadden
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 1:59 PM
To: Douglas Greenfeld
Subject: FW: Jersey Ave/Phillip st connection

From: Burkesphinx [mailto:burkesphinx@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 11:31 AM
To: Rosemary McFadden
Subject: Jersey Ave/Phillip st connection

Dear Rosemary McFadden, Please accept this communication for the support of the above project. The connection of Jersey Ave and Phillip street is imperative for many reasons which your office is very well aware of. Please see to it that the Federal Department of Transportation is made aware of the long standing necessity of this particular project and the positive impact it will have on the transportation improvement of this area of Jersey City. As a home owner tax payer in Port Liberte and a local traveler who depends on easy and efficient access to all points I personally would like to see some immediate action since it seems that we are always playing catch up.

Sincerely,
Peter Mele

Home Owner, Port Liberte
Jersey City, NJ

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