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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

### **2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program – Hunters Point Shipyard Multimodal Transportation Improvements**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our 2,500 local business members, I am writing to express our strong support for San Francisco Public Works' request for funding through the TIGER Discretionary Grant program. We are excited by the prospect of Hunters Point Shipyard and the surrounding area participating in a program that will facilitate the continued shift toward community-focused and environmentally sound transportation solutions. The long awaited redevelopment of the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard is of critical importance to the economic vitality of our city and region.

As you may know, Hunters Point Shipyard represents the best of what a public-private partnership should be. The City of San Francisco and Master Developer Lennar Urban are creating a transformational economic development project of a size and effort that few cities or states could produce. Bayview-Hunters Point has been one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of San Francisco, suffering from poor infrastructure, loss of industry, and industrial pollution. The Hunters Point Shipyard project, combined with its neighboring project at Candlestick Point, will transform this severely underserved community. Over the next 15 years the project will bring to the area 12,000 new homes, up to 5 million square feet of R&D, education, and creative technology space, 1 million square feet of retail, and 350 acres of parks and open space.

One of the first phases of development, known as "Innovation Alley," integrates the existing Shipyard Artists Community with 1 million square feet of office space, and educational programs to establish a dynamic district focused on fostering creativity and entrepreneurship. Innovation Alley and the surrounding development at Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point will be served by the new Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit line, new and expanded local bus routes, a new cycletrack separated from traffic, and an expanded pedestrian network. This Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project is a vital part of the community and represents the values that you and the U.S. Department of Transportation have espoused.

Funding for the Hunters Point Shipyard Multimodal Transportation Improvements will provide greatly needed infrastructure from streets and roads to transit and pedestrian access, linking vital communities together and providing greatly improved opportunities to those who live and work in the area, and the

region. These improvements will fill a critical gap in funding and help build the core underlying backbone for the transportation infrastructure necessary to serve Innovation Alley. Should the San Francisco Department of Public Works receive this award, the transit improvements supported by these funds will bring a safe and robust transportation network to not just Innovation Alley and the Shipyard, but also the underserved areas of Southeastern San Francisco.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Lazarus", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus  
Senior Vice President of Public Policy