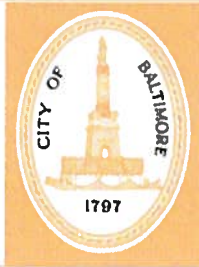


**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor**



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**William M. Johnson, Director**  
**417 E. Fayette Street**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21202**

April 24, 2014

Secretary Foxx  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to affirm the commitment of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to meet the matching fund obligations as described in our application for TIGER VI funding of the Broening Highway Corridor Improvement Project. The Broening Highway Project will increase the Port of Baltimore's economic competitiveness while protecting and supporting the stability and growth of surrounding residential communities. Major bridge, highway, road, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements will support a comprehensive freight network and the city, state, and region's ability to remain economically competitive in the global market.

Baltimore City has coordinated with state agencies, private businesses, and the local community over the past decade to develop solutions that will improve freight movement along Broening Highway. In recognition of the importance of these improvements to the local and regional economy, as well as in support of neighborhoods that would benefit from a reduction in truck traffic, several entities are contributing important funds that will make this project a reality.

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation will commit \$10.4 million in matching funds for TIGER as well as an additional \$1.6 million match for MAP-21 Federal Aid in support of the project. In demonstration of the importance of this project to the economic competitiveness of the state and the region, the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) is also directing \$2 million toward the overall cost of the project.

If awarded these funds, the Broening Highway Corridor Improvement Project will have a catalytic effect on the region's economy, connecting disadvantaged Marylanders to jobs, amenities, and opportunities while at the same time creating a model for balancing the growth and viability of port-related businesses with the livability and vitality of the residential areas, fostering a sustainable city and competitive region.

I would respectfully request that the City of Baltimore's funding application for the Broening Highway Corridor Improvement Project receive full consideration, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

  
William M. Johnson  
Director

cc: Valorie Lacour, DOT





Martin O'Malley  
*Governor*  
Anthony G. Brown  
*Lieutenant Governor*

**Maryland Port Commission**  
James T. Smith, Jr.  
*Secretary*

April 25, 2014

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*Executive Director*

RE: Financial Commitment to Baltimore  
City's TIGER VI Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Maryland Port Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation are committed to working in partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation and other project stakeholders to advance freight movement and efficiency while rerouting trucks out of neighborhoods. We enthusiastically support the application being made by the City of Baltimore for a TIGER VI Discretionary Grant titled "Broening Highway Corridor Improvement project".

Baltimore City has coordinated with State agencies, private businesses, and the local community over the past decade to develop solutions that will improve freight movement along Broening Highway. In recognition of the importance of these freight efficiencies to the Port, as well as the benefits to the neighborhoods from a reduction in truck traffic, the Maryland Port Administration hereby commits \$2,000,000 of its capital budget from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund, to supplement the local cost share and to reduce the federal ask.

The Broening Highway Corridor Improvement Project will increase the nation's economic competitiveness while protecting and supporting the stability and growth of surrounding residential communities. Major bridge, highway, road, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements will support a comprehensive freight network and the City, State, and region's ability to remain economically competitive in the global market.

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Secretary Anthony Foxx  
April 25, 2014

This project will be the capstone to complete several initiatives to streamline freight from the Port's terminals to the interstate system without traversing neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Broadwater". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

James J. White *for*  
Executive Director  
Maryland Port Administration

cc: Maryland Department of Transportation  
Baltimore City, Department of Transportation