

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0917

October 10, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

This is to bring to your attention a TIGER grant application by Port Tampa Bay that will be of benefit to the entire greater Tampa Bay area. This Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center project represents a strong partnership between the Port and City of Tampa that will result in significant multimodal transportation improvements to transform downtown Tampa.

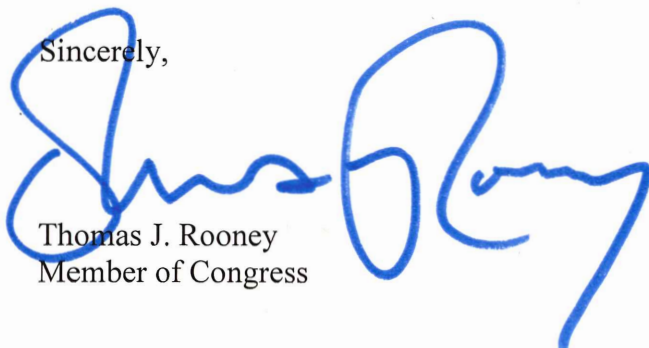
Through a series of roadway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, this project will connect to and complement previous transportation investments in downtown Tampa. It will provide accessibility for existing workers, residents, and visitors and support an expected population growth of more than 7,000 people and 3,200 additional jobs.

I've witnessed Tampa's downtown waterfront evolve from an industrial area into a vibrant urban employment, residential, commercial, and recreational area. These multimodal improvements will increase access for the workforce located near the initiative by enhancing travel options and increasing economic opportunities. Overall, the project will improve public safety, provide more green space, and reduce vehicle emissions.

The Administration seeks creative new public-private partnerships to fund infrastructure investments and this application brings together the vision and assets of Port Tampa Bay and the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The local sponsors are committed to providing a strong local match of more than 50 percent of the total \$23.8 million investment. The TIGER grant request is for \$10.6 million.

Thank you again for your review of this comprehensive urban mobility initiative that will bring about the sustained economic growth of this great asset of the entire Tampa Bay area.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Rooney
Member of Congress

DENNIS A. ROSS
15TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I write to share my support for the Tampa *Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center* TIGER Grant application that is being submitted by Port Tampa Bay. This creative partnership between the Port and City of Tampa will enhance the entire Tampa Bay area by making dramatic multimodal transportation improvements to downtown Tampa by integrating the revitalized Channel District into the downtown core through safe street connections.

You will see that the project includes a combination of roadway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements that will connect to and complement previous transportation investments in downtown Tampa and will provide a high level of accessibility for workers – many of whom commute from my Tampa Bay area district-- residents and visitors and support an expected population growth of more than 7,000 people and 3,200 additional jobs.

Our area has watched as Tampa's downtown waterfront has evolved from industrial uses into a vibrant urban employment, residential, commercial and recreational area. The multimodal improvements called for in this project will increase access for the workforce located near the initiative by enhancing travel options and increasing economic opportunities. Overall, the project will improve public safety, provide more green space, and reduce vehicle emissions.

This Administration has placed a great emphasis on creative partnerships to fund infrastructure projects. This application brings together the vision and assets of Port Tampa Bay and the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The local sponsors are committed to

providing a strong local match of more than 50 percent of the total \$23.8 million investment. The TIGER grant request is for \$10.6 million.

Thank you for any consideration you can give the urban mobility initiative that will spur sustained long-term economic growth throughout our entire Tampa Bay area.

Sincerely,

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Dennis A. Ross
Member of Congress

DANIEL WEBSTER
11TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Port Tampa Bay's TIGER 2017 Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I was recently made aware that Port Tampa Bay has submitted a grant application under the Department of Transportation's TIGER Grant Program. The *Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center* is a comprehensive mobility project which will incentivize the continued development and integration of Tampa's waterfront into the downtown core and create long term benefits for the Tampa Bay region.

The Channel District is a growing area which has been transformed into a bustling urban community with a population twice that of downtown Tampa. The multimodal development, which consists of transit, road and pedestrian improvements, will connect people to jobs and opportunities and allow full participation in the revitalized downtown economy. The project is projected to create 3,200 additional jobs.

Port Tampa Bay and the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) have partnered to commit a strong local match of 50% of the total \$22.4 million investment. The TIGER grant request is for \$11.2 million.

As the Department considers funding this funding opportunity, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to Port Tampa Bay's application for a TIGER Grant.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

October 5, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

RE: Port Tampa Bay – DOT – TIGER – Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Port Tampa Bay's efforts to obtain a TIGER grant. The goal of their proposed project, Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center, is to complete the creation of an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. If funded, the completion of these multimodal transportation improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers and visitors in the Channel District.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

BN/jm

CC: Ms. Digna Alvarez, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

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October 10, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

Port Tampa Bay is seeking an award of \$8.36 million in TIGER discretionary funds for its Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center project. Port Tampa Bay is a member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), a national group of public and private industry representatives dedicated to improving our nation's freight infrastructure.

This project reflects a collaboration between Port Tampa Bay and the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), who are providing local matching funds accounting for 63 percent of the total \$22.6 million cost. This local funding partnership will support ongoing private investment occurring in the Channel District. According to Port Tampa Bay, the TIGER grant is the only way the project will be feasible in the near future.

The Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa. Should they be awarded, the TIGER funds would be used to invest in a combination of roadway and multimodal improvements, including street network improvements that will enhance circulation and access to local destinations. These improvements will help to spur economic development in Tampa and will provide safety and accessibility benefits to the area.

We hope you'll consider Port Tampa Bay's Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center project application. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Elaine Nessel
Executive Director

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Economic Development

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Bob Buckhorn
Mayor

October 9, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Secretary Chao:

It is with sincere enthusiasm that I offer my full support of Port Tampa Bay's TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project will continue to move forward our local and regional goal of providing connectivity throughout our urban core, including to the Tampa Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths, previous TIGER-funded projects. The completion of Port Tampa Bay's proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement those previous investments and add to an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

Furthermore, the proposed infrastructure will spur economic development on the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in and out of the Channel District. They will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in providing key funding to this critical project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Buckhorn



Hillsborough
County Florida

**CHIEF DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
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The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Subject: TIGER Grant Support

Dear Madame Secretary:

We are pleased to support Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Street Project in downtown Tampa. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement previous investments, including TIGER grants, and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa integrating the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway.

Hillsborough County believes that the proposed improvements will incentivize economic development by improved access to underutilized waterfront property. Furthermore, these multimodal transportation projects will enhance accessibility and options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District and in downtown Tampa.

I urge you to support funding this project that will energize the downtown core and expand economic development opportunities to our region.

Sincerely,

Lucia E. Garsys, Chief Administrator
Development and Infrastructure Services



CHANNEL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE INC.

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

October 3, 2017

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Channel District Community Alliance fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, as the registered neighborhood association for the Channel District with both resident and business members, the Channel District Community Alliance believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits. The members of the CDCA urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,

Vance Arnett
President
Channel District Community Alliance, Inc.

The Channel District Community Alliance, Inc. 107 North 11th Street #733 Tampa, FL 33602



October 3, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

Friends of the Riverwalk stands ready to support Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Tampa Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

Thanks to the completed construction of the Tampa Riverwalk in 2016, the Hillsborough River has become the center of the city, allowing everyone to enjoy one of the city's greatest assets, an abundant and vibrant waterfront. The City of Tampa's vision to "create a vibrant and interactive waterfront experience for residents and visitors that reflects the spirit and uniqueness of Tampa" has now coming to fruition. The multimodal system is desired to support the connection to the Tampa Riverwalk creating a unified public experience throughout the entire downtown.

The Tampa Riverwalk has successfully connected the businesses and residences that are located near it creating a new vibrant community in downtown Tampa. This new community has been the driver for new business and economic development such as the Pirate Water Taxi, Urban Kai, E-boats, American Social, and many more.

We urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,

Troy Manthey
Chair - Board of Directors
Friends of the Riverwalk

Jason Carroll
Executive Director
Friends of the Riverwalk



The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,

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Bob Rohrlack, CCE
President and CEO



Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority

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October 6, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Madam Secretary,

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, HART believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Respectfully,

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Katharine Eagan, AICP
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October 3, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Ms. Secretary:

Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) fully supports the Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, HCPS believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,



Jeff Eakins
Superintendent



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Beth Alden, AICP
Executive Director

October 4, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In adopting its FY 2018 to 2022 Transportation Improvement Program, the MPO included the following candidate projects on its list of priorities:

- Complete street enhancements on Channelside Drive, consistent with our performance-based planning to reduce crashes;
- The conversion of York Street to a pedestrian promenade, as part of our real choices when not driving performance measure;
- The realignment of McKay Street, and the construction of Channelside Lane and Central Street as new roads, as major investments for economic growth.

We therefore fully support the proposed infrastructure improvements to spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal improvements will also improve accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, comfort, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,

Beth Alden, AICP
Executive Director



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cc: MPO Board
Paul Anderson, CEO, Port Tampa Bay



October 10th 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Ms. Secretary:

Mercury Advisors LLC the developers of Grand Central at Kennedy and Channel Club home to the new Downtown Publix fully support Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, Mercury Advisors LLC believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,

Ken K. Stoltenberg
Director
Mercury Advisors LLC



STRATEGIC PROPERTY
PARTNERS LLC

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

More than 50 acres in the heart of downtown will become Water Street Tampa, a mixed-use neighborhood developed by Strategic Property Partners, LLC, the real estate development joint venture between Jeff Vinik and Cascade Investment, LLC.

Named for the existing historic street that will be transformed into the new heart of Downtown Tampa, Water Street Tampa's ambitious vision will create one of the largest real estate developments in the United States located within an existing central business district. Totalling over \$3 billion in investment, Water Street Tampa is a multi-phased urban development project that includes more than 9 million square feet of commercial, residential, hospitality, educational, entertainment, cultural, and retail space that will be built out over a 10-year period.

Water Street Tampa is situated in downtown Tampa along the waterfront adjacent to the Channel District. As one of the primary goals of Water Street Tampa is to create a well-connected, walkable neighborhood, we have a vested interest in the connectivity improvements of the area. We plan to implement active streetscapes, and a seamless flow from Water Street to Channelside will undoubtedly have myriad benefits for the greater Downtown Tampa area.

For that reason, SPP supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa. Public investments like the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center only stand to be augmented by the private investments we are making in the community, along the greenway and Tampa Riverwalk to the east.

In addition, Strategic Property Partners believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Regards,

James Nozar
Chief Executive Officer
Strategic Property Partners



October 2, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
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Washington, DC 20950

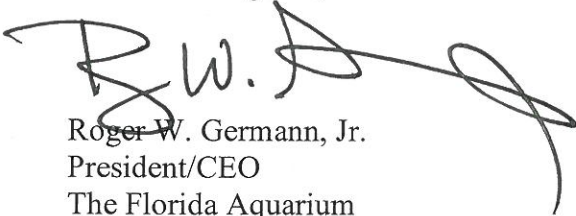
Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Florida Aquarium fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, The Florida Aquarium believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,



Roger W. Germann, Jr.
President/CEO
The Florida Aquarium



September 29, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Tampa Downtown Partnership serves as a steward of downtown Tampa, cultivating public and private collaborations and encouraging downtown's physical and economic development. As a proactive leadership organization, the Tampa Downtown Partnership acts as an advocate for the downtown community, including over 225 member companies, 8,100 residents, and 65,000 employees.

We fully support Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Tampa Channelside Multimodal System improvements in the Channel District. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the Tampa Downtown Partnership believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. The improvements in multimodal safety and connectivity in this area will provide access to thousands of jobs for residents living downtown as well as a disadvantaged area less than a half mile north of the district at the terminus of Channelside Drive. Enhancing the multimodal infrastructure on this roadway and others in the district will provide these residents safe and comfortable access to the employment center in the district.

We respectfully request full consideration of their proposal utilizing your review and selection criteria and procedure. Please direct any questions or correspondence to my office at 813-221-3686.

Sincerely,

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Christine Burdick
President



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October 5, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, TBARTA believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "R Chiaramonte", written in a cursive style.

Ramond A. Chiaramonte, FAICP
Executive Director, TBARTA



The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

October 4, 2017

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Tampa Bay History Center fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the Tampa Bay History Center believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility and economic benefits.

Through creating better access to local destinations, enhancing transit options and promoting population and job growth, this project would be an incredibly positive step for this rapidly growing Tampa district. We are thrilled to advocate for this expansion and hope that this worthy project will be strongly considered for TIGER grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CJ" followed by a stylized flourish.

C.J. Roberts
Frank E. Duckwall President & CEO
Tampa Bay History Center



October 3, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation (THEDC) fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the THEDC believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Richard", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Craig J. Richard, CEcD, FM
President and CEO



October 3, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Straz Center fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the Straz Center believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,

Judith Lisi

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judith Lisi". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

President/CEO

David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts



October 2, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The University of South Florida fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, USF believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judy Genshaft'.

Judy Genshaft
USF System President



October 5, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20950

Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Ybor City Chamber of Commerce fully supports Port Tampa Bay's submission of a TIGER grant application for the Channel District Complete Streets and Intermodal Center in downtown Tampa. This project provides a continuation of and improved connectivity to previous TIGER-funded improvements in downtown Tampa with the Riverwalk and Selmon Greenway multi-use paths. Completing the proposed improvements in the Channel District will complement the effectiveness of those previous investments and complete an important multimodal system in downtown Tampa.

In addition, the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce believes that the proposed infrastructure improvements will spur the economic development of the east side of downtown Tampa by improving access to an underutilized piece of waterfront property. These multimodal transportation improvements will weave into the downtown urban fabric, providing improved accessibility and travel options for residents, workers, and visitors in the Channel District. The proposed improvements will also connect with and complement existing bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and street networks, and provide safety, accessibility, and economic benefits.

I urge your support in helping complete this innovative and important project that will bring vital transportation and economic development impacts to our region.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lori Rosso', written in a cursive style.

Lori Rosso
Executive Director
Ybor City Chamber of Commerce