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June 2, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your commitment to investing in our nation's infrastructure. I am writing to express my strong support for San Francisco's 22-Fillmore Transit Priority Project and request your full and fair consideration of their \$20 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VII application.

These funds would create a faster and more reliable multimodal transportation connection between the vibrant, multicultural Mission District, Potrero neighborhood with light industrial production, distribution, and repair businesses and into the heart of the rapidly expanding Mission Bay redevelopment – a hub of housing, retail, health care and biotech research, and future home of the Golden State Warriors professional basketball team.

Improving transit between central San Francisco neighborhoods and Mission Bay is a key priority for our "Transit First" city, leveraging previous federal investments and ensuring adequate transit access for all those who will access this growing community.

A TIGER award will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, bus-only lanes, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair. With these elements in place, the city will be able to provide frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that is already experiencing tremendous growth.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and I look forward to your decision.

best regards,



NANCY PELOSI  
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April 24, 2015

Anne Richman  
Director, Programming and Allocations  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Dear Ms. Richman:

I write to respectfully urge consideration of the application of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) for \$20 million for TIGER VII funding. There are several reasons that I believe this application for the 22 Fillmore bus line merits consideration.

The West Portal tunnel is a very large transit hub for my constituents. Current residents go through Twin Peaks via the West Portal Tunnel and arrive within minutes at 16<sup>th</sup> and Market. Current bus service along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is highly congested and sluggish, limiting the use of this corridor for those seeking to reach Mission Bay. Under the MTA's proposal, bus service enhanced with a dedicated lane straight through to Mission Bay will greatly reduce the travel time and make the entire MUNI system much more useful for my San Francisco constituents. Similarly, north Peninsula residents of my district can take BART to the 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART station and then take the enhanced 22 Fillmore to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street corridor.

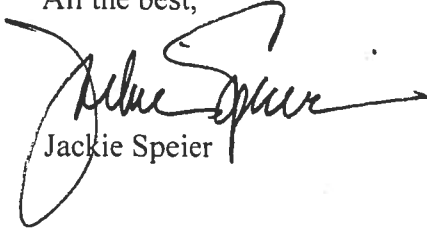
Ironically, the necessity to cross Caltrain's tracks contorts the current alignment of the 22 Fillmore line and greatly delays bus service. The proposed new configuration will allow Caltrain and MUNI to avoid conflict, something of benefit to both, while allowing 16<sup>th</sup> Street to be used along its entire length from Church to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Moving bicycles to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and greatly improving the walkability of 16<sup>th</sup> Street will reduce pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and deaths, a citywide priority.

Housing and walkability are regional priorities. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is not within my district, but San Franciscans make housing choices based upon MUNI service and proximity to jobs. If the 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is enhanced by establishing a highly efficient electric bus line this will, in effect, extend the 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor throughout the area adjacent to MUNI's lines in the West of Twin Peaks neighborhoods all the way to San Francisco State University. Housing in these

areas will be more useful to tens of thousands, while also permitting 16<sup>th</sup> and adjacent streets to comfortably absorb more units.

I respectfully urge your careful consideration of the MTA's proposal for its benefits and compliance with federal requirements as part of your thorough evaluation of projects proposed for TIGER VII grant funding. If relevant in your application to the federal government, it should also be noted that, district boundaries notwithstanding, the project directly benefits residents in at least two Congressional districts.

All the best,

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Jackie Speier

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DAVID CHIU

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ASSISTANT SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

May 5, 2015

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

## Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

These funds are critical to building the transportation infrastructure needed to unlock the potential of a rapid transit line, known as the "22 Fillmore", along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. The grant will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, bus-only lanes, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair. With these elements in place, the city will be able to provide frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that is already experiencing tremendous growth.

Currently, over 43,000 people currently live within a quarter-mile of the project area with more housing built every day. Approximately, 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also call the area home. The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will offer important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. By linking four neighborhoods with a 51% minority and 25% low-income population, this project will enable workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment. The project also warrants national attention for bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair, enhancing economic competitiveness of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and of the city as a whole, improving the quality of life for all users of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, promoting environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation.

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,

DAVID CHIU

Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore  
Assemblymember, 17<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Mayor Ed Lee  
Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA





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Secretary Anthony Foxx  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
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RE: TIGER 7 Program – MTC Endorsement for Bay Area Projects

Dear Secretary Foxx:

MTC submits this letter of support for five projects for TIGER 7 funding. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, MTC endorsed five Bay Area priority projects totaling \$71 million in grant requests as listed in Attachment A.

The Commission selected these urban and rural projects as the most competitive projects in the region based on the federal program guidelines, with an emphasis on *Ladders of Opportunity*.

MTC looks forward to working closely with the Department of Transportation and our partner agencies to deliver these regionally significant projects. Applications and detailed project information will be submitted by project sponsors. Please contact Anne Richman at (510) 817-5722 if you need further information about our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

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Attachment

**Attachment A**  
**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Federal TIGER 7 Program - Endorsement List**

Sponsor	Project Title	TIGER 7 Request (\$ millions)	Total Project Cost (\$ millions)
<b>PROPOSED REGIONAL ENDORSEMENTS</b>			
SFMTA	22 Fillmore Transit Priority	\$ 20.0	\$ 67.0
City of San Jose	Coyote Creek Trail Connector	\$ 11.3	\$ 14.1
BART	19th St/Oakland BART Station Modernization & Multimodal Transit Improvements	\$ 18.1	\$ 33.4
Caltrain	South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access and Improvement Project	\$ 10.0	\$ 55.0
Contra Costa County	Vasco Road Safety Improvements - Phase 2*	\$ 11.3	\$ 15.0
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 70.7</b>
			<b>\$ 184.5</b>

\* Rural category





May 14, 2015

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

**Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

It was a pleasure hosting you in San Francisco in February for a brief tour of one the City's many innovative companies. I enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about your forward-looking "Framework for the Future" plan for U.S. transportation, and to affirm my commitment to your Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets. Thank you for your continued national leadership on these important issues.

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project. The funding is crucial to finalize the infrastructure necessary to implement a rapid transit line, known as the "22 Fillmore," along a crucial two-mile corridor of 16<sup>th</sup> Street in San Francisco. The grant would complete the funding for construction on bus-only lanes, new overhead electric trolley wires, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes, while also bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair. With these elements in place, the City will be able to provide rapid, reliable, and zero-emission service to a corridor experiencing tremendous growth and in need of increased transit options.

Over 43,000 people currently live within a quarter-mile of the project area, which represents an important geographic opportunity for the City to thoughtfully address its need for an increased supply of housing. I have committed to building and rehabilitating 30,000 units of housing in San Francisco by 2020, at least half of which will be within reach of our low- and middle-income residents. As a result, the neighborhoods connected by the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor will continue to build much-needed new units of housing. In addition, approximately 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals call the area home. The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will offer important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services.

The Honorable Anthony Foxx

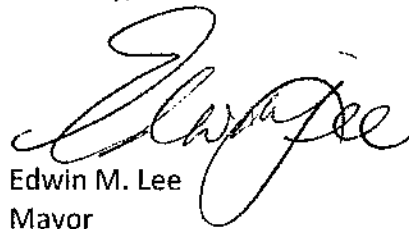
May 14, 2015

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By linking four neighborhoods with a 51 percent minority and 25 percent low-income population, this project will enable workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and development. The project also enhances economic competitiveness of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and of the City as a whole, improves the quality of life for all users of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and promotes environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation.

The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project represents a critical connection for the future of San Francisco. I write to affirm my strong support for the project, and to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Edwin M. Lee  
Mayor



1 [Supporting Implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project and Urging Approval of  
2 the 2015 TIGER VII Grant Application]

3 **Resolution supporting the implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project;**  
4 **and urging the United States Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER**  
5 **VII Grant Application submitted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation**  
6 **Agency.**

7  
8 WHEREAS, The SFMTA's \$20,000,000 TIGER VII grant application request will  
9 support the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project which will lead the transformation of 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
10 between Church Street and Third Street through implementation of transit network  
11 enhancements that will connect and transform the communities along the corridor by  
12 improving transit reliability, travel time, safety, and accessibility for all users of the corridor  
13 regardless of mode of travel; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco's 16<sup>th</sup> Street is the major east-west transportation corridor  
15 connecting the City's Eastern Neighborhoods to the rest of the city; and

16 WHEREAS, On an average weekday in the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project area,  
17 the 22 Fillmore transit route serves over 8,000 customers; and

18 WHEREAS, Over 43,000 people (51% minority, 25% low-income) currently live within a  
19 quarter-mile of the project area, with more housing built every day; and

20 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also  
21 call the area home; and

22 WHEREAS, Vehicle congestion and transit delay is anticipated to grow substantially in  
23 conjunction with new development along the corridor, especially at its eastern end in Mission  
24 Bay; and

1           WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will create better connections  
2 between regional transit hubs and adjacent residential areas on the west to burgeoning  
3 biotech jobs, a new sports arena, and retail markets as well as entertainment destinations in  
4 San Francisco’s Mission Bay to the east; and

5           WHEREAS, By linking four neighborhoods via multimodal TIGER investments, the San  
6 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer vastly improved ladders of  
7 opportunity by enabling workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and  
8 healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment; and

9           WHEREAS, In an effort to serve the current and projected needs for this growing  
10 economic landscape, the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) identified “Rapid Corridor”  
11 treatments along 16<sup>th</sup> Street to make it safer to walk and bike, increase the reliability of  
12 service, and enhance the customer experience on and off the bus; and

13           WHEREAS, The western portion of the project area has been identified as a high-injury  
14 corridor; and

15           WHEREAS, SFMTA is coordinating with the City Planning Department to develop  
16 streetscape design enhancements along the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority corridor that will  
17 improve pedestrian safety and enhance the identity and livability of the neighborhoods served  
18 including widening sidewalks and opening crosswalks to increase the visibility of people  
19 walking in this corridor; and

20           WHEREAS, Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic,  
21 pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach  
22 overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment;  
23 widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading  
24 bicycle infrastructure; and

1           WHEREAS, New overhead wire infrastructure not only provides a shorter, more direct  
2 transit route, it would also allow for zero-emission trolley coaches to serve a larger area  
3 supporting the goal of California State Assembly Bill 32 that requires the state to reduce  
4 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

5           WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project combines local and regional  
6 planning efforts, including the Plan Bay Area Priority Development Areas, the Mission Bay  
7 Participation Agreement, SF Planning's Eastern Neighborhoods Transportation  
8 Implementation Planning Study (ENTRIPS), the Muni Forward program, the SFMTA Bicycle  
9 Strategy, and the citywide Vision Zero initiative; and

10           WHEREAS, The proposed project is the outcome of collaboration between the SFMTA,  
11 the San Francisco Planning Department, Caltrain, regional employers and the local  
12 community that recognizes the synergy between the SFMTA's TEP and SF Planning's  
13 ENTRIPS; and

14           WHEREAS, If left with the current connection choices, the ability of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
15 transit corridor to effectively support the disconnected and growing employment and  
16 residential populations of San Francisco in this part of the city is compromised; and

17           WHEREAS, The implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project elements  
18 outlined in the SFMTA's \$20,000,000 TIGER VII grant application will improve the safety,  
19 economic competitiveness, state of good repair, livability, and environmental sustainability of  
20 the corridor; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the  
22 implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Board urge the United States  
24 Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER VII grant application submitted by  
25 the SFMTA requesting \$20,000,000 to support an estimated total project cost of \$67,000,000.



**City and County of San Francisco**  
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**Resolution**

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 150437

**Date Passed:** May 12, 2015

Resolution supporting the implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project; and urging the United States Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER VII Grant Application submitted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

May 05, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 05, 2015 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 12, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 150437

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/12/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

5/15/15  
Date Approved

May 19, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for SFMTA's TIGER 7 Application for 22-Fillmore Transit Priority Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority in support of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) application for \$20 million in 2015 TIGER 7 funds for its 22-Fillmore Transit Priority Project (Project). The project is a \$67 million effort to implement safety and transit network enhancements on an upgraded 22-Fillmore bus route that travels along the heavily travelled 16th Street corridor between Church and Third Streets. Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic, pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment; widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading bicycle infrastructure.

Pursuant to regional plans, San Francisco has designated the 16th Street corridor for increased housing density. This project will complement the housing growth and improved bus, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure in the 16th Street corridor will provide ladders of opportunity for residents and workers of all income brackets, including those going east to Mission Bay's biotechnology and medical worksites and the proposed Warriors professional basketball complex. As well as improving mobility for residents and workers, this grant will support improvements to the corridor to create a much safer route for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The primary goal of the City's new Vision Zero policy is to reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities to zero by 2024.

SFMTA envisions the 22-Fillmore bus service to be run with electric trolleys, which will cross the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment that will soon be electrified. The TIGER 7 grant includes funding for a technical solution to allow the electrified trolley line to move across the electrified Caltrain line. This type of technical integration will minimize transit construction costs and significantly improve service for the public, and I ask the federal government to support this forward-thinking design choice via TIGER 7 grant funding. The Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission also has expressed support for this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application. I know that your review will reflect the merits of the SFMTA's proposal.

Sincerely,

Tilly Chang  
Executive Director



*Plan, Fund, Deliver*

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

May 11, 2015

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

Re: Support for TIGER 7 Project Application – SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development I am pleased to support the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application for \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

These funds are critical to the project and will help to enable an efficient connection between the culturally rich Mission District, a vibrant manufacturing cluster and the Mission Bay neighborhood—which includes the University of California San Francisco, a new hospital, a growing cluster of more than 200 biotech companies and soon an 18,000 seat urban arena for the Golden State Warriors.

This project will ensure improved service to the more than 43,000 residents (51% minority, 25% low-income) who live along the line while also serving the more than 2,800 businesses and their 23,000 employees. The project will help to further enable ladders of opportunities for our residents looking to access new jobs and will provide important access to the healthcare services offered by the three new hospitals in Mission Bay.

The mission of the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development is to support the City's ongoing economic vitality by strengthening its neighborhoods, businesses, commercial corridors and workforce. OEWD works to connect jobseekers with employment opportunities in growing industries by providing industry aligned job training and access to job search assistance at community based neighborhood access points throughout the City. The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will enable additional economic activity along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, furthering our work to support the businesses and residents in these three neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am confident that this project will achieve the goals of the TIGER grant ultimately providing frequent, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that experiencing tremendous growth.

Sincerely,

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Todd Rufo  
Director

cc: Scott Wiener – Chair, SFCTA  
Gillian Gillett – Mayor's Office  
C. Hennessy, K. Breen – SFMTA  
M. Lombardo, J. Castiglione, A. Crabbe – SFCTA



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Tiffany Bohee, Executive Director

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May 1, 2015

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

**Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, I am pleased to support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.


These funds are critical to building a rapid transit line, the 22 Fillmore bus line, along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor that will connect communities to urban employment and healthcare centers, regional transportation, and housing. The newly emerging Mission Bay neighborhood is located at the eastern terminus of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and is experiencing amazing growth that will benefit from frequent, rapid, and reliable transit service. Specifically, at full buildout, Mission Bay will have 6,400 residential units (of which 29% will be affordable to low income households), 4.4 million square feet of commercial/office space, 400,000 square feet of retail, a new 43-acre University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) campus and a 550-bed UCSF hospital, a new library, school, police and fire station, the City's police headquarters building, and 49-acres of new public open space. All of this new development was designed with low parking ratios, assuming easy access to public transit, as will be provided by this project.

This grant will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, bus-only lanes, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair. The project also warrants national attention for bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair, enhancing economic competitiveness of this corridor and of the city as a whole, improving the quality of life for all users, promoting environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation, and by making 16<sup>th</sup> Street a safer place to

live and travel. A TIGER award will ensure that grant funds are immediately leveraged into realizing the goals of the city and the country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Lila Hussain, Acting Project Manager, of my office at (415) 749-2431.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Bohee  
Executive Director

May 22, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

***Re: Support for SFMTA's TIGER 7 Application for 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project***

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Eastern Neighborhoods Citizen's Advisory Committee (EN CAC), is the appointed body charged with advising the City on the implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods (EN) Plans. The EN Plans are collectively five Area Plans, rezoning and infrastructure implementation strategy that seek, in part, to increase residential densities in appropriate places that can be well served by transit and complementary uses.

The EN CAC strongly supports the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for its 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project. The SFMTA will be requesting twenty million dollars in 2015 TIGER VII funds to support a sixty-seven million project that will lead the transformation of San Francisco's 16th Street. Along the heavily travelled 16th Street corridor between Church Street and Third Street, the SFMTA envisions implementing safety and transit network enhancements on an upgraded 22 Fillmore route. Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic, pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment; widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading bicycle infrastructure.

This project is an excellent example of providing ladders of opportunity. Rents are skyrocketing in Silicon Valley, north through San Francisco. Pursuant to regional plans, San Francisco has designated the 16th Street corridor for increased housing density. Creating more housing in the 16th Street corridor directly benefits residents and workers of all income brackets going east to Mission Bay's biotechnology and medical worksites, as well as to the proposed Warriors professional basketball complex.

From a safety vantage, as San Francisco grows, so do the number of fatal or near-fatal pedestrian/vehicle accidents. This grant will support improvements to the corridor to

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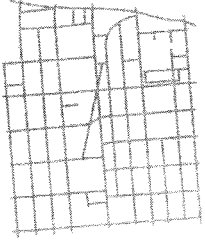
Thank you for your consideration of this grant application. I know that your review will be fair and thorough and that, in the end, the merits of the SFMTA's proposal will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Block  
Chair Person  
Eastern Neighborhoods Citizen Advisory Committee

cc: Mat Snyder, Planner and Staff of the EN CAC  
Cathal Hennessy, Project Manager, 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project  
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Anthony Foxx  
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**Re: TIGER VII Application for the San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are one of several business associations along San Francisco's 16<sup>th</sup> St Corridor through which the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project is being proposed. We are currently seeing and anticipating increased vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian trips along the corridor due to increasing growth and density in housing, commercial, and industrial occupancies in the surrounding mixed-use neighborhoods. By funding this project now, the project implementation will come to fruition as the transportation related consequences of these changes reach the current corridor capacity.

We are pleased that the SFMTA is addressing all of the transportation modes and accommodating streetscape improvements concurrently in a comprehensive design process. We recognize that the public transit lines offer the most possibility to increase flow through the corridor. We also recognize that the flows of public transit, private personal and commercial vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians each have their distinctive characteristics to be shaped by roadway lane, sidewalk, crosswalk, and parking management.

Our customers, employees, local suppliers and the transportation entities that service our businesses will all experience the project improvements. We have and are continuing to communicate about the tailoring of these improvements to promote benefits to them and consequently to our business organizations. These benefits will enhance our productivity, the quality of our business lives, and the quality of the lives of our resident neighbors and visitors. We appreciate that the Department of Transportation provides funds to augment local transportation projects. We believe our Municipal Transportation Agency has an excellent comprehensive plan for our 16<sup>th</sup> St corridor. We want you to know that we are in full support of their application for 2015 TIGER VII funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this application!

Doug McNeil, President  
Northeast Mission Business Association

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May 20, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

***Re: Support for SFMTA's TIGER 7 Application for 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project***

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association (PDMA) supports the application of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for its 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project. The SFMTA will be requesting \$20 million in 2015 TIGER VII funds to support a \$67 million project that will lead the transformation of San Francisco's 16th Street. Along the heavily travelled 16th Street corridor between Church Street and Third Street, the SFMTA envisions implementing safety and transit network enhancements on an upgraded 22 Fillmore route. Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic, pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment; widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading bicycle infrastructure.

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From a safety vantage, as San Francisco grows, so do the number of fatal or near-fatal pedestrian/vehicle accidents. This grant will support improvements to the corridor to create a much safer route for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Reducing bicycle and pedestrian fatalities to zero by 2024 is the most salient goal of the City's new Vision Zero policy.

Caltrain will soon be electrified as will the SFMTA's 22 Fillmore service (to be run with electric trolleys). The TIGER grant includes funding to support a technical solution that will allow the electrified trolley line to move across the electrified Caltrain line. The federal government should reward agencies that create sound choices that minimize transit construction costs while significantly improving service for the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application. I know that your review will be fair and thorough and that, in the end, the merits of the SFMTA's proposal will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Keith Goldstein  
President, PDMA





May 18, 2015

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

**Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is San Francisco's leading voice for bicycle advocacy. Our mission is to promote the bicycle for everyday transportation, and on behalf of our 10,000 members we advocate for safer bike infrastructure and programming in San Francisco. We are writing to express our support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will build a rapid transit line that will run along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. Funding by the TIGER Grant program will ensure that the corridor serves people walking, biking, and taking transit, supports affordable, active, environmentally-friendly transportation modes, and helps the City meet its Vision Zero goals. The grant will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, bus-only lanes, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair. With these elements in place, the city will be able to provide frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that is already experiencing tremendous growth, while protecting and improving upon existing infrastructure for people biking and walking. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is particularly interested in the proposed bicycle improvements, which include adding bicycle infrastructure onto the 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.

Currently, over 43,000 people currently live within a quarter-mile of the project area with more housing built every day. Approximately, 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also call the area home. These residents and employees deserve better transportation options. By linking four neighborhoods with a 51% minority and 25% low-income population, this project will enable workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment.

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is working on a number of proposed infrastructure improvements to the neighborhoods along these routes, and a strong and safe option for people biking along the 16<sup>th</sup> corridor is critical to ensuring that people can move freely and safely between neighborhoods and throughout the City. We support the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's TIGER Grant application and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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Tyler Frisbee  
Policy Director  
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition



May 15, 2015

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

**Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Walk San Francisco, the City's pedestrian advocacy organization, I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

These funds are critical to building the transportation infrastructure needed to unlock the potential of a rapid transit line, known as the "22 Fillmore", along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. The grant will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, bus-only lanes, traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair. With these elements in place, the city will be able to provide frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that is already experiencing tremendous growth.

Currently, over 43,000 people currently live within a quarter-mile of the project area with more housing built every day. Approximately, 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also call the area home. The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will offer important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. By linking four neighborhoods with a 51% minority and 25% low-income population, this project will enable workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment. The project also warrants national attention for bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair, enhancing economic competitiveness of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and of the city as a whole, improving the quality of life for all users of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, promoting environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation.

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,

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Nicole Ferrara, Executive Director

cc: Mayor Ed Lee  
Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA



June 3, 2015

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

**Re: Support for TIGER 7 project application-SFMTA 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application request of \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project. As you may know, the Warriors organization is contemplating building a new arena complex along the San Francisco waterfront. The complex would be served directly by two essential SFMTA transit lines, the current "T3" light rail line, and the proposed, reconfigured 22-Fillmore line, the backbone of the agency's 22-Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

The landscape of Mission Bay is changing fast. New residential development in Mission Bay is providing hundreds of new housing units for San Francisco. These units would be located within walking distance of the vast, new University of California-San Francisco medical research complex as well as the proposed arena.

However, despite the immediate proximity between Mission Bay's housing and employment opportunities, including at the new Warriors arena, there remains a housing-work imbalance. SFMTA's 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project would provide ladders of opportunity linking Mission Bay to the diverse and vibrant communities to the west, particularly to four neighborhoods, including the Mission District and Castro neighborhoods. Having been informed of the SFMTA's laudable goal of seeking \$20 million in highly competitive TIGER funds, we are pleased to strongly back the project. When finished, it will provide a multifaceted, corridor-oriented project that, at its heart, would provide direct, safe, clean-air transportation options, including reliable trolley as well as pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

These funds are critical to building the transportation infrastructure needed to unlock the potential of a rapid transit line along the 2.2 mile long 16th Street corridor. The grant will complete the funding for construction work on new overhead electric trolley wires, establish bus-only lanes, synchronized traffic signals, wider sidewalks, and bicycle lanes while bringing existing overhead electrical trolley wires into a state of good repair.

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Currently, over 43,000 people live within a quarter-mile of the project area with more housing built every day. Approximately, 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also call the area home. By linking four neighborhoods with a 51% minority and 25% low-income population, this project will enable workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment. The project also warrants national attention for bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair, introducing pioneering technology to allow for the crossing of the Caltrain commuter rail line, enhancing economic competitiveness of the 16th Street Corridor and of the City as a whole, improving the quality of life for all users of 16th Street, and promoting environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation.

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 yours,

Rick Welts  
President & COO, Golden State Warriors



May 15, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express the San Francisco Giants' support of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2014 Discretionary Grant application in which they have requested \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

These funds are critical to building the transportation infrastructure needed to unlock the potential of a rapid transit line along this critical transportation corridor. The SFMTA will be requesting \$20 million in 2015 TIGER VII funds to support a \$67 million project that will lead the transformation of San Francisco's 16th Street. Along the heavily travelled 16th Street corridor between Church Street and Third Street, the SFMTA envisions implementing safety and transit network enhancements on an upgraded 22 Fillmore route. With these elements in place, the city will be able to provide frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service to a corridor that is already experiencing tremendous growth.

Improving the 22 Fillmore will improve the east-west linkage across the City, and provide our fans with alternative, improved ways of accessing the ballpark and our surrounding community. The San Francisco Giants have one of the highest percentages of fans arriving to the ballpark by way of walking, bicycle, or public transit in all of Major League Baseball, a fact of which we and our partners at the Municipal Transportation Agency are proud. This project will enhance the experience of millions of San Franciscans who attend events at AT&T Park every year.

The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project is another example of the city's "Transit First" policy in action. The SFMTA has made this project a priority in support of its Strategic Plan that calls for "making transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel" in San Francisco and will offer important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. A TIGER award will ensure that grant funds are immediately leveraged into realizing the goals of the city and the country.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact me at (415) 972-1760.

Sincerely,

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Fran Weld  
Vice President, Strategy & Development  
San Francisco Giants





April 21, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of SFMAde, I am pleased to support the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER FY 2015 Discretionary Grant application for \$20 million for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Corridor Project.

These funds are critical to building a rapid transit line along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor that will connect communities to urban employment and healthcare centers, regional transportation, and housing. This corridor is seeing tremendous growth. At the eastern end the new Mission Bay campus of the University of California San Francisco will add three hospitals and more than 4,700 housing units. We project job growth along the corridor to add more than 31,000 new jobs. Frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service will provide important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. The project exemplifies the city's "Transit First" policy and supports the SFMTA's strategic objective of "making transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel" in San Francisco.

As a nonprofit organization focused on the development of San Francisco's manufacturing sector, SFMAde supports more than 500 growing manufacturers, who in turn sustain more than 4000 blue collar jobs in San Francisco – jobs for immigrants, veterans, youth and adults from low-income households. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Corridor is a critical part of the transportation infrastructure that delivers these workers to their jobs: more than 20% of San Francisco's local manufacturers are located in close proximity to this key thoroughfare. Our data shows that a majority of the manufacturing workforce in San Francisco relies on public transit, biking, and walking to get to work. At the same time, many of our manufacturers report that current transit service (often slow and infrequent), combined with poor bike and pedestrian options, make it even more difficult for their most vulnerable, lower-income employees to get to work. We can and must do better.



In addition, there is significant new planned manufacturing space being constructed in the area that will be directly impacted by the success of this project. SFMade recently announced - through our new non-profit subsidiary PlaceMade- that we will be building a new Manufacturing Foundry that, when complete, will provide the first new industrial space that San Francisco has seen in decades. The SFMade Manufacturing Foundry at Hundred Hooper will house more than 200 new manufacturing jobs, 70% of which will be for individuals from low-income households. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street MultiModal Corridor will be an essential enabler of the project – which has no on-site parking. In addition, San Francisco’s largest manufacturer – Anchor Brewers and Distillers – will be building a new flagship brewery at nearby Pier 48 as part of the Mission Rock project, also a major initiative that will need the 16<sup>th</sup> Street MuliModal Corridor Project to transport their more than 400 brewery employees to work.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Corridor Project is an example of the city’s “Transit First” policy in action. The SFMTA has made this project a priority in support of its Strategic Plan that calls for “making transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel” in San Francisco and will offer important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. The project also warrants national attention for bringing existing infrastructure into a state of good repair, enhancing economic competitiveness of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and of the city as a whole, improving the quality of life for all users of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, promoting environmental sustainability through emission-free, high quality public transportation, and by making 16<sup>th</sup> Street a safer place to live and travel along. A TIGER award will ensure that grant funds are immediately leveraged into realizing the goals of the city and the country.

As a now national model for urban manufacturing development – SFMade is a proud co-founder of the national Urban Manufacturing Alliance, which provides a powerful vehicle for major US cities to collaborate on their support for urban manufacturing. The UMA currently has 52 member cities, including San Francisco, Portland, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta and others. We look forward to presenting the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Corridor project as a successful model for other US cities to adopt as they seek to innovate around the role that public transit, biking, and walking can and should play in the sustainable growth of urban manufacturing jobs for diverse city residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact me of my office at (415) 987-7004 or email [kate@sfmade.org](mailto:kate@sfmade.org).

Sincerely,



Kate Sofis  
Executive Director



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May 12, 2015  
The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for SFMTA's TIGER 7 Application for 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), I am pleased to support the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) TIGER 7 application for \$20 million for the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project.

These funds are critical to building a rapid transit line along San Francisco's two-mile long 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor that will connect communities to urban employment and healthcare centers, regional transportation, and housing. This corridor is seeing tremendous growth. At the Mission Bay campus of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Phase 1 of the \$1.5 billion new Medical Center at Mission Bay, consisting of three specialty hospitals and an outpatient building, opened in February 2015. UCSF's recently approved Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) includes plans for continued development of research facilities, office and housing to the year 2035. With growth beyond year 2035 including Phase 2 of the Medical Center at Mission Bay, we project about 15,400 faculty and staff, 1,900 on-site housing residents, and about 2,400 patient visits per day. Including other visitors, total population at the Mission Bay campus site will grow to about 21,800 persons per day. Frequent, rapid, reliable, and zero-emission transit service will provide important ladders of opportunity for local communities accessing new jobs and healthcare services. The project exemplifies the city's "Transit First" policy and supports the SFMTA's strategic objective of "making transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel" in San Francisco.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 476-1386.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cox  
Director, UCSF Transportation Services

cc: Cindy Lima, Executive Director, UCSF Mission Bay Hospitals Project  
Lori Yamauchi, Associate Vice Chancellor, UCSF Campus Planning  
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