

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 6, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive grant application submitted by the City of Akron, Ohio for funding in the FY16 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program for the construction of the Downtown Akron Promenade along the South Main Street Corridor.

I understand that this project will complete the infrastructure connectivity within Akron's downtown area that will, in turn, support the city's local and global businesses. Akron officials state the South Main Street Corridor is a critical link to the Innovation District, an area designated to promote business incubation and development. Assistance would provide the critical transportation assets necessary to bolster the growth of this new district.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact my grant coordinator, Linda Greenwood, at (419) 259-3895. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
United States Senator