

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 13, 2014

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

Subject: Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER VI)
 Capital and Planning Project Grant Application for:
 Port of San Diego - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal Optimization Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the San Diego Congressional delegation, we are asking that you consider the Port of San Diego's application for a TIGER VI grant for the optimization of the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (TAMT). The Port of San Diego is a key partner of San Diego's Working Waterfront, which is the stretch of land that houses two marine terminals, along with commercial and industrial businesses in support of the maritime and defense industries. The Port generates around 29,000 jobs in the San Diego region and generates \$3.7 billion in economic output a year. We support the Port's plan to improve the TAMT and create more jobs in the short- and long-term.

The Port recently completed an update of its Maritime Business Plan. This plan looks ahead to 2035 and outlines the necessary modifications to the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal required to achieve more business. The Plan outlines three "nodes" or distinctly separate uses on the terminal. They are:

- A refrigerated fresh produce node, which will support the import of refrigerated containerized cargo and provide on-dock refrigerated storage;
- A neo-bulk or operational node for containerized and non-containerized cargo, such as wind energy components and roll-on/roll-off and project cargo. This neo-bulk node greatly supports the Port's designation by the Department of Defense as a Strategic Military Port that facilitates military load outs when required; and
- A node for consolidated dry bulk. This facility will accept, store, and distribute cement and aggregates.

When the improvements to the TAMT are complete, the Port's tenants will be able to share their nodes and save money by maximizing space and services. The improvements will also add employment to the region in the short-term with construction jobs. In the long-term it would create permanent jobs to support the cargo operations. During the recession, the Waterfront lost jobs, but today, aided by the attractiveness of the modernized Port, jobs will continue to return to the region.

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The capital construction funding requested in the TIGER VI grant application will enable the optimization to the TAMT. The Port has defined key initiatives and objectives related to the environmental and operational sustainability, which are described as part of this TIGER VI proposal. The proposed project improvements will align with the Board of Port Commissioners' adopted Climate Action Plan for reduced emissions, including the impacts associated with the flow of goods movement to and from the terminal.

The San Diego Congressional delegation supports projects which make San Diego's Working Waterfront more responsive to both business and community needs. The opportunity to utilize TIGER VI funding as a force multiplier to leverage other TAMT transportation investments will produce long-term significant returns to our local economy.

We appreciate your consideration of the Port of San Diego TAMT Optimization Project. This project will improve transportation conditions in and around the terminal and make a difference to the maritime cargo challenges faced daily in the region.

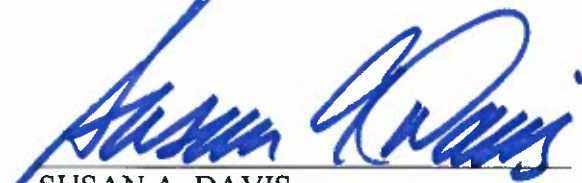
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