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Under Secretary for Policy

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Ms. Karen M. Kenney  
Chair  
CONNECT  
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Dear Ms. Kenney:

Thank you for your letter supporting funding for the Massachusetts Port Authority's Conley Container Terminal project under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program funded by the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act. I appreciate your interest in the TIGER program. Secretary Foxx has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Over the last seven years, the TIGER program has allowed the Department to award more than \$4.6 billion to support critical road, rail, transit, port, and multimodal projects. The competitive nature of the program encourages innovation and collaboration, and the broad eligibility criteria allow the program to fund complex multimodal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are difficult to finance using traditional formula funds.

A Federal Register notice, published on February 26, 2016, announced the availability of funding for an eighth round of TIGER discretionary grants, project selection criteria, and application requirements. The deadline for submitting final applications was April 29, 2016, and we plan to announce selected projects this fall.

The Department welcomes the opportunity to fund innovative transportation projects through the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program, and I assure you that all properly submitted applications will receive full and careful consideration. Your support for the program is meaningful to me, and your knowledge of the transportation needs in your area is valuable and appreciated. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carlos Monje, Jr.  
Acting Under Secretary