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April 8, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's FY 2016 FASTLANE
Application
Letter of Support**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the president of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, which includes the entire jurisdiction of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (MCHTD), I respectfully request that the USDOT accepts this correspondence as a letter of support for the MCHTD's 2016 FASTLANE Grant application. As someone who, also, works in the private sector and is currently serving as the executive officer for St. Mary Parish, I know that the Port District's efforts to improve and upgrade the Port's infrastructure will provide our parish a greater opportunity to attract new jobs and increase trade.

I am aware that over the last 2 years, the port has attracted new business; but, their growth is limited because of the lack of dock space to bring in additional vessels; and, this is why I, on behalf of St. Mary Parish, support the port's application for FY 2016 FASTLANE funding. An expanded dock area will enable the port to berth more vessels simultaneously and provide more dockside space to store cargo containers.

As a stakeholder in the Port's success, St. Mary Parish encourages the DOT to fund the Port's request for \$9,000,000 in 2016 FASTLANE funding for activities related to planning, designing, engineering and constructing an expanded dock and laydown area. The port, who will be providing a 40% non-federal match for this project, is looking to the future; and, I congratulate them for their foresight.

Finally, Secretary Foxx, please know that St. Mary Parish's success in intertwined with the port's success; and, we all want to see the port succeed in their endeavors. Consequently, we stand together in supporting the Port District's grant request; and, therefore, I hope that the US DOT will see fit to fund the

Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's request for 2016 FASTLANE Grant funds.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully yours,

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President

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**RE: Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's FY 2016 TIGER
VIII Application
Letter of Support**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the president of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, which includes the entire jurisdiction of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (MCHTD), I respectfully request that the USDOT accepts this correspondence as a letter of support for the MCHTD's 2016 TIGER VIII Discretionary Grant application. As someone who has retired from the private sector and is currently serving as the executive officer for St. Mary Parish, I know that the Port District's efforts to improve and upgrade the Port's infrastructure will provide our parish a greater opportunity to attract new jobs and increase trade.

I am aware that over the last two years, the port has attempted to attract new business; but, their growth is limited because of the lack of dock space to bring in additional vessels; and, this is why I, on behalf of St. Mary Parish, support the port's application for FY 2016 TIGER VIII Discretionary funding. An expanded dock area will enable the port to berth more vessels simultaneously and provide more dockside space to store cargo containers.

As a stakeholder in the Port's success, St. Mary Parish encourages the DOT to fund the Port's request for \$12,000,000 in 2016 TIGER VIII funding for activities related to planning, designing, engineering and constructing an expanded dock and laydown area. The port, who will be providing a 20% non-federal match for this project, is looking to the future; and, I congratulate them for their foresight.

Finally, Secretary Foxx, please know that St. Mary Parish's success in intertwined with the port's success; and, we all want to see the port succeed in their endeavors. Consequently, we stand together in supporting the Port District's grant request; and, therefore, I hope that the US DOT will see fit to fund the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's request for 2016 TIGER VIII Discretionary Grant funds.

Thank you very much!

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**RE: Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's FY 2016 TIGER VIII Application
St. Mary Parish Economic Development Department's Letter of Support**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is requesting funding from the 2016 TIGER VIII Discretionary Grant program to expand and enhance its dock area along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, near its intersection with the Atchafalaya River in south-central Louisiana. Please know that I, as the director of the St. Mary Parish Economic Development Department, support their application and respectfully ask that the USDOT fully-fund the Port District's funding request.

As a stakeholder in the Port's success, St. Mary Parish encourages the DOT to fund the Port's request for \$12,000,000 in 2016 TIGER VIII funding for activities related to "planning, designing, engineering and constructing" an expanded dock and laydown area. The results of this project will increase the amount of dock space enabling additional vessels to load and unload cargo concurrently and provide more dockside space to store cargo containers, thus saving costs in labor, time and fuel, just to name a few benefits. Without any hesitation, I fully-support the port's application for 2016 TIGER funding because the results of the project will lead to a greater opportunity to attract new jobs and an increase in trade.

In closing, Secretary Foxx, thank you very much for your consideration in this matter; and, please know that this parish's success is linked to the port's success; and, we are united in supporting the Port District's grant request.

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Sincerely,

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