

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

We write to share our continued support for the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority's (GATRA) application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

Successful receipt of this funding and the ultimate construction of the mixed-use Regional Multi-Modal Facility will ultimately leverage more than \$50 million in private investment and over \$80 million in overall investment to the region; support a ten percent increase in GATRA bus service; serve as a surface transportation hub for over six types of transportation modes to all demographics of residents and visitors to the region; and facilitate an estimated \$1.45 million in increased tourism spending the first year – in addition to increases each year until the Plymouth 400 commemoration in 2020.

Further, it is important to note that this investment would be matched directly with state, local and non-profit funds to construct a surface, multi-modal, regional transportation facility that will general economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for the region, with an expected 2.47:1 Benefit-Cost ratio projection.

For these reasons, we believe this project will bring transportation, socio-economic, economic development and environmental benefits to those living, studying, working and visiting the region and strongly support this project. We hope that you will continue to provide GATRA's application for TIGER funding with your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



ELIZABETH WARREN
U.S. Senator



EDWARD J. MARKEY
U.S. Senator



WILLIAM R. KEATING
Member of Congress