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

Re: Packer Avenue Marine Terminal (PAMT) Warehouse Relocation and Terminal Capacity Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

This letter expresses support of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PRPA) FASTLANE grant request for the above-cited project. The Maritime Exchange is a nonprofit trade association serving port interests in Delaware, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Southern New Jersey dedicated to promoting waterborne transportation and commerce for the regional Delaware River and Bay.

PAMT is a two-phase project. The PRPA is requesting \$25 million in FASTLANE grant funds to address Phase 2 of the project: landside demolition and relocation of existing warehouse infrastructure to an off-terminal location. To create additional container handling capacity and make premium use of the acreage, the PRPA plans to remove four existing warehouse facilities and pave the terminal, thereby increasing annual capacity by approximately 137,000 TEUs, or 84,500 annual container units. The existing warehouses will then be relocated to already-identified sites located within one mile of the PAMT. This win-win situation addresses both the need for future additional capacity and acknowledges present demand for existing warehouse capabilities.

The construction of modern and environmentally sustainable warehouses, additional capacity to handle rail/intermodal traffic, and proximity to I-95 are all additional benefits this project represents.

The Maritime Exchange strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the PRPA and its PAMT project. Doing so clearly promotes the ongoing growth and development of Delaware River commerce and greatly aids needed enhancements at the Port of Philadelphia.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at dennis.rochford@maritimedelriv or at (215) 925-2615.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rochford
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