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

**RE: FASTLANE Grant Letter of Support – Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Warehouse Relocation and Terminal Capacity Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As you consider applications for FASTLANE grants, please accept our strong support for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PRPA) submission for \$25 million in funding to support a wide-ranging enhancement plan at the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal. The PRPA is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The commonwealth has provided substantial capital funding for port infrastructure, and is in the process of committing funding for future port projects including local matching funds required is this grant.

The Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Warehouse Relocation and Terminal Capacity Project is a two-phase, public-private partnership with the tenant. FASTLANE funds would be used in Phase 2 of the project.

The first phase of this project involves crane and wharf improvements, including the acquisition of four super Post-Panamax gantry cranes, berth crane rail improvements (including a 400-ft. crane rail extension), electrification of the terminal/berth and two existing cranes, the removal of three existing outdated cranes, and the incorporation and development of a 40-acre site contiguous to the terminal footprint.

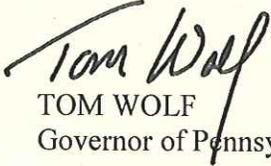
Phase 2 of this project includes the landside demolition and relocation of existing warehouse infrastructure to an off-terminal location. The removal of four warehouses on the terminal will increase capacity for about 64,000 containers annually. PRPA has identified 163,000 container units currently generated by Philadelphia-area shippers who utilize ports elsewhere. Removal of these warehouses will create the additional capacity to offer these shippers the logistical savings by moving via the Port of Philadelphia. Additional capacity on the terminal will also provide substantial benefits and merit criteria identified in the Fastlane guidelines including economic and safety outcomes.

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This two-phase project represents a portion of the overall program to increase cargo capacity that will result in more family-sustaining direct jobs, greater tax revenue, and significant increases for supporting maritime businesses. This project will enable the Port to take advantage of the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening project which is projected to be completed in 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and our strong support for it. We look forward to working with you to ensure the Port of Philadelphia's continued success.

Sincerely,



TOM WOLF  
Governor of Pennsylvania

Sincerely,



LESLIE S. RICHARDS  
Secretary of Transportation