



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to support the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PhilaPort) submission of its Packer Avenue Marine Terminal (PAMT) Connector Bridge Project to the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIPD). Funding for this project would be used to construct a 580-foot, two-lane connector bridge between Packer Avenue Marine Terminal and the adjacent Publicker site.

This project would greatly benefit both the Packer Avenue Terminal and the Publicker site. Currently, the only connection between the two sites is a single two-lane pathway that also serves as the main entrance to PAMT. As the port continues to expand, this path is not designed or engineered to handle the increased volume that the port is experiencing. Due to these factors, the path is plagued with excessive congestion, increased truck idling, and traffic conflicts.

If this project is funded through PIPD, the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Connector Bridge will allow for a dedicated connection between the two sites, alleviating numerous insufficiencies and opening the Publicker site's capacity as a first point of rest for inbound vessel, rail, and truck containers.

This project would also increase road safety within the terminal by saving over 100 miles of in-terminal transit, reduce equipment run time by 38 hours, and reduce truck turn times by an average of 1.4 hours per average vessel call. Not only would these improvements be cost saving, but they would also have a positive environmental impact.

The Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Connector Bridge Project would alleviate traffic issues, make travel between the two sites more reliable, and benefit the environment. Please consider funding this project through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF
Governor