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June 1, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

SUBJECT: PIDP 2026 - Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is pleased to support the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PhilaPort) application for funding consideration under the FY 2026 US Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for the Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement (Tioga Berth Enhancement) project. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greater Philadelphia region, DVRPC works with stakeholders to approve and advance federal infrastructure investment that supports the vision of our long-range plan, *Connections 2050*, by investing in the region's multimodal transportation infrastructure. The Tioga Berth Enhancement project supports the realization of that vision and aligns with our region's Delaware Valley Freight Centers Initiative.

The existing Tioga Liquid Bulk Berth 1 infrastructure has significantly deteriorated over time and now requires substantial rehabilitation to maintain safe and reliable operations. The proposed improvements will modernize the facility, extend the useful life of the berth by an estimated 50 years, and enhance the terminal's ability to support future growth and private investment. The requested funding for this project will facilitate structural upgrades to the berth that will enable it to support heavier equipment and enhance operational flexibility—both to maintain existing liquid bulk barge service and to accommodate conventional breakbulk vessels. This project will directly support the operations of the current tenant, Kinder Morgan, and it will improve capacity of this berth for processing breakbulk freight, which will enable direct discharge of breakbulk vessels carrying steel and forest products to the adjacent 90,000-square-foot Tioga II warehouse. This improvement will reduce reliance on truck transfers from the terminal's northern berths, streamlining operations and improving efficiency.

Should the US Department of Transportation select this application for PIDP grant funding, DVRPC will continue to closely coordinate the undertaking of this proposed project with appropriate local freight stakeholders through our longstanding freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force. DVRPC will also work with PhilaPort and our stakeholders to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as required. It has been a continual challenge to secure adequate funding for

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all the transportation needs and projects in our region. PhilaPort, as the project sponsor, will be responsible for identifying the supplemental funding needed to ensure that this TIP project is fully funded for implementation in a reasonable timeframe, and will coordinate with state and local agencies, as appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ariella Maron".

Ariella Maron  
Executive Director

cc: Lindsay Young, Manager, Business Development & Planning, Philadelphia Regional  
Port Authority