

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write in support of the Pease Development Authority's (PDA) application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Returns (TIGER) 2015 Grant Program for \$13.3 million for the Main Wharf Expansion Project.

The Market Street Marine Terminal in Portsmouth, NH was originally constructed in 1964 and is the state's primary marine port of entry. With connectivity to Interstate-95, the airport at Pease International Tradeport and an onsite rail line, the Market Street Terminal is well-situated to serve as a multimodal freight hub for southeastern New Hampshire and the surrounding region. However, without significant upgrades, the terminal may close in 2016, as the conditions of the wharf's access bridges and other key components have deteriorated significantly and are no longer sufficient to handle anticipated cargo loads from larger, modern vessels.

With support from TIGER, PDA will repair a terminal access bridge that collapsed in 2011, improve the structural integrity of the main wharf and expand the terminal by 29,000 square feet to increase cargo offload capacity and accommodate Panamax-class vessels. Existing port customers are experiencing increased demand for their products and are looking to the terminal to provide shipping and receiving services to accommodate this business activity. These changes will not only ensure the safe and continued operation of the Market Street Terminal, but will also improve the port's operational efficiency, support area businesses and promote public benefits within the region.

I support the Pease Development Authority's application for TIGER funding to rehabilitate and expand the Market Street Marine Terminal and urge your serious consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator