The Honorable Anthony Foxx
US Department of Transportation, Secretary

1200 New Jersey Ave, SE

Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write this letter on behalf of the Morgantown Municipal Bicycle Board in support of the City of Morgantown’s 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application. This grant application aligns with the University Avenue Complete Streets Study and the 2040 Long-range Transportation Plan, both initiated by the Morgantown-Monongalia Planning Organization (MMPO). The plans outlined in the application reflect forward-thinking and innovative solutions that will encourage multimodal transportation along the most significant thoroughfare in our city.

The University Avenue corridor remains one of our collective top priorities for redevelopment. The corridor passes through the heart of our community, connecting downtown Morgantown to other business districts and neighborhoods and bisecting both West Virginia University’ main campus and Evansdale campus. With the resulting exposure to international audiences, and as the fastest growing residential and commercial area of the city, we believe improvements to the multimodal facilities running along this connector will have impacts that resonate far beyond the project itself.

Pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation are all important non-automobile capabilities that will be enhanced by projects along University Avenue as seen in the MMPO’s Long-range Transportation Plan. By enhancing management of non-automobile transportation, reductions in traffic congestion and a better quality of life will ensure continued economic growth in the region.

Thank you for your consideration of Morgantown’s TIGER application.

Sincerely,