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April 19, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to extend my full support for the Port Authority of Guam's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant for Fiscal Year 2016, entitled Rehabilitation of "H" Wharf.

Guam and the neighboring islands in Micronesia are served by Guam's only commercial port. This facility is critical to the survival of all the regional communities it serves. Our islands are virtually reliant on imports, and more than 90 percent of all goods are landed in the form of ocean freight. There is no intermodal system, and no redundancy of assets on our small island community that can cost-effectively provide for the importation of food, medical supplies, equipment and other essential goods, in the volumes and frequencies necessary for a regional population of over 387,630. The only other full service U.S port that is the closest in proximity to Guam is in the State of Hawaii, which is located more than 3,800 miles to the east in the Pacific Ocean.

The Port's impact on the quality and substance of life for residents of Guam and Micronesia cannot be overstated. As Guam can only produce limited amounts of food and products, the Port is truly the lifeline between the region and the world.

I am reiterating my full support and endorsement for the Port's TIGER Grant 2016 application for the Rehabilitation of "H" Wharf and look forward to your agency's positive response.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor of Guam



MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write in support of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application submitted by the Port Authority of Guam for the rehabilitation of the "Hotel" Wharf, commonly referred to as "H" wharf. The wharf was constructed in 1948 and was utilized as an ammunition wharf by the U.S. Navy before it was transferred to the Government of Guam in 1989. Following its transfer to the local government, the wharf was used for the export of scrap metal, import of vehicles, aggregate operations, and for fishing and tourism-related industries. Since then there have been no major upgrades to the wharf and was eventually deemed non-compliant by the U.S. Coast Guard in the early 1990s.

The Guam Port's TIGER grant application aims to invest \$20 million in construction projects and strongly demonstrates project readiness which includes the identification and development of environmental components to address potential environmental impacts. Specifically, I note that the Port Authority of Guam is only seeking \$10 million in TIGER grant funds and will share over 50% of the costs, approximately \$10 million, from financing and other sources to complete the project. The application's project description includes:

- The construction of a new sheet pile bulkhead retaining wall to increase the wharf's footprint within the water by approximately 21,000 square feet
- Selected demolition for the removal of surface facilities and dilapidated structures
- Additional structural components to include the installation of mooring bollards on the wharf and along the roadway's east and west wharf; and
- The creation of nearly 2 acres of additional cargo storage area


Additionally, the total grant investment used to upgrade the "H" wharf facility will bring it into compliance with U.S. Coast Guard criteria to regain certification as a designated waterfront facility. The upgrade project will expand wharf capacity to alleviate any congestion at the main cargo terminal due to Guam being a transshipment nexus for the islands in Micronesia, which services over 387,630 people spread out over 1.5 million square miles of ocean. Transshipment of goods to Micronesia is critical to U.S. strategic objectives in the Pacific region and to national economic goals.

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"H" wharf upgrade will also improve the Port's capability to accept additional incoming vessels and cargo which provide greater economic benefits to the Micronesian region. Improvements to the port will reduce logistical conflicts with vessels or cargo. Reducing port congestion will help to ensure the economies in the Micronesian region have timely sea transport for a wide variety of goods. Guam's unique position as a hub of freight forwarding from the U.S. mainland makes the Port Authority of Guam a critical facility that should be utilized to its potential to increase production possibilities and ultimately generates economic activity. Bottom line is that any improvements to the Port of Guam have significant and immediate positive impacts on the local economy of Guam as well as the broader economy of the Micronesian region. This investment would have very tangible benefits to the regional economy.

In Congress, I continue to work to support maritime capabilities for the benefit of Guam and the Micronesian region. I strongly support the Port Authority of Guam's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the 2016 TIGER Grant and I look forward to improving "H" Wharf which will have a long term positive affect on the economy of Guam as well as the entire Micronesian region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Vicente (Ben) Diaz Gumataotao

April 19, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

As the Mayor of Piti, Guam, I write in support of the Port Authority of Guam's Transportation Investment Generating Economics Recovery (TIGER) Grant application for the Rehabilitation "H" Wharf, located in Piti, Guam.

As the only government operated seaport, it is imperative to improve the facility to a state of good repair and ensure that the quality of life of shipment of goods and services goes uninterrupted at the Port Authority of Guam. As the Mayor of Piti, I support the improvement of government services relative to the needs of the community and the proposed project will help mitigate impacts resulting from the conflicting mix of vessels, currently using the main cargo handling waterfront and provide alternative offload and staging areas for specific project cargos such as aggregates and imported construction materials. In addition, it would provide flexible cargo handling acreage as the Port transitions between different modes of operation from the main cargo terminal, for easier management of economic growth.

With over 90% of goods imported to Guam, it is critical that we continue to support the infrastructure improvements at the Port Authority of Guam's that continues to provide ocean commerce and distribution of goods and services to the community of Guam and the U.S. Affiliated Islands of Micronesia.

I respectfully support the Port Authority of Guam's application for the Revitalization of "H" Wharf.

Sincerely,

Vicente "Ben" D. Gumataotao
Piti Mayor

Piti Municipal Planning Council Members

Jennifer Tainatong

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Mayors' Council of Guam

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April 19, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! As the Executive Director of the Mayors' Council of Guam, which comprises all nineteen mayors and seven vice mayors, I write in their behalf, in full support of the Port Authority of Guam's Transportation Investment Generating Economics Recovery (TIGER) Grant application for the Rehabilitation of "H" Wharf, located in Piti, Guam.

As the most direct elected representatives of the people of Guam, the Mayors and Vice Mayors are responsible in assuring that service and benefits are delivered and provided to the 19 respective municipalities, and that the distribution of these services are equitably facilitated, to include but not limited to senior citizens and youth activities and facilities, public health and welfare, public security, village beautification, upkeep of village streets, and maintenance of village parks. So just like the Mayors Council of Guam, the Port Authority of Guam provides an indispensable and crucial role in the distribution and issuance of commodities and services to the community of Guam by ocean commerce.

The proposed project aims to mitigate impacts resulting from the conflicting mix of vessels, currently using the main cargo handling waterfront and provide alternative offload and staging areas for specific project cargos such as aggregates and imported construction materials. In addition, it would provide flexible cargo handling acreage as the Port transitions between different modes of operation from the main cargo terminal, for easier management of economic growth.

We are in full support of the Port Authority of Guam's application for the Revitalization of "H" Wharf.

Sincerely,

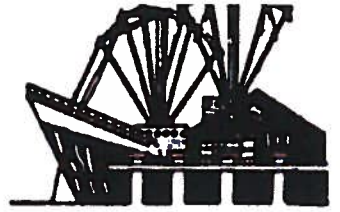


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Association of Terminal Operators, Stevedoring and Shipping Companies of Micronesia

April 18, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

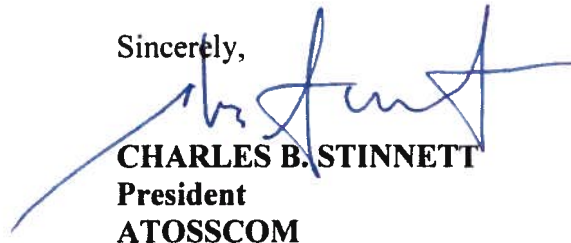
On behalf of the Association of the Terminal Operators, Stevedoring and Shipping Companies (ATOSSCOM) of Micronesia, I submit this letter to support the Port Authority of Guam's 2016 TIGER grant application, for the Rehabilitation of "H" Wharf.

The objective of the ATOSSCOM is to promote ports and cargo terminals within Micronesia and to increase the efficiency of ports and harbors by advancing friendship and understanding of the growth of waterborne commerce among its members. This relationship allows continuous dialogue and exchange on matters of mutual interest concerning terminal, ocean transportation and stevedoring operations. The membership of the ATOSSCOM consists of public and private corporations interested in supporting and promoting the objectives and purposes of this Association.

Although the improvements associated with the rehabilitation of "H" Wharf will be made at the Port of Guam, its benefits will be felt throughout all of the Western Micronesian Region. As a transshipment hub to its neighboring islands, any delay at the Port of Guam will adversely affect delivery to our islands. Therefore, all infrastructure and service upgrades to the Port of Guam will also be beneficial to the populations of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Marshall Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, totaling approximately 387,630 people.

Again, we extend our support for the Port Authority of Guam's 2016 TIGER application.

Sincerely,



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President
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April 20, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the Port Users Group of Guam, this is to extend our support of the Port Authority of Guam's application, "Revitalization and Upgrade of "H" Wharf", for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investment Program (TIGER), as per U.S. Public Law 113-76.

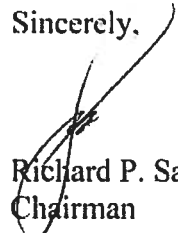
As the demand for docking/wharfage space has increased due to the natural progression of normal economic growth, there has never been an expansion of wharf infrastructures since the Government of Guam exchanged land for wharf space with the federal government. While there are current efforts to expand upland cargo capacity at the Port, there is still a pressing need to address limitations in waterfront wharf space. In this grant application, the Port proposes to revitalize and repair "H" Wharf for the purpose of utilizing its berthing capacity to alleviate the traffic and congestion in its main cargo handling area and to transfer project specific activities, to include break bulk, RoRo, aggregate cargoes, and barges, away from its container ships operations.

The Port's current usable waterfront is already experiencing the strain of accommodating the existing vessel port calls levels. As Guam's population, and that of the surrounding islands in Micronesia, increases, this situation is expected to become further exacerbated in the near future.

Because Guam is an isolated island community, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (the island's only public port facility) plays a critical role in the lives of the citizens of Guam and the

Micronesia islands, and, again, we fully support and endorse PAG's application for the Revitalization and Upgrade of "H" Wharf.

Sincerely,

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Richard P. Sablan
Chairman
Port Users Group of Guam

Cc: PUGG Membership

April 20, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

This letter serves as AMBYTH SHIPPING & TRADING, INC. 's confirmation of support of the Port Authority of Guam's application, "Revitalization and Upgrade of "H" Wharf", for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investment Program (TIGER), as per U.S. Public Law 113-76.

As a port user and customer of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (PAG) for over 40 years, AMBYTH has witnessed firsthand the continuing demand and limitations for docking / wharfage space due to the natural progression of normal economic growth on Guam. Despite the PAG's on-going efforts to modernize and expand cargo handling capacity at the PAG, there is still a pressing need to address limitations of waterfront wharf space. The PAG's current usable waterfront is continuously burdened to accommodate the existing vessel port call traffic.

AMBYTH is in full support of the PAG's grant initiative application to revitalize and repair "H" wharf. The revitalization and repair of "H" wharf provides the PAG expanded berthing capacity at the island's only public port facility by way of alleviating congestion at its main cargo handling area and transfers project specific cargo activities (e.g. break bulk, ro/ro, aggregate) away from its liner container vessel operations.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to receiving notice of the PAG's successful grant award to facilitate the revitalization and upgrade of "H" wharf.

Sincerely,

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Andrew J. Miller
Vice president / Chief Operating Officer
AMBYTH SHIPPING & TRADING, INC.



SEABRIDGE, INC.

April 21, 2016

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

RE: Port Authority of Guam TIGER Grant Application – “Revitalization and Upgrade of ‘H’ Wharf.”

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Seabridge, Inc. is a woman-owned, small business operating on Guam and as a tenant of the Port Authority of Guam for over 20 years. Seabridge’s primary business function is providing deep sea freight transportation of various cargoes, utilizing US Flagged, ocean going tug boats and barges.

The Port Authority of Guam is the only port on the island that can load and discharge commercial cargo and its strength lies in handling containerized cargo. The majority of the Port Authority’s primary berths are being utilized as multi-purpose berths for container ships, roro vessels, barges, trampers, and passenger ships. As the Port modernizes itself and prepares for growth, it must better handle any congestion from multiple operations and be better prepared for the mix of vessels that call.

The Port Authority’s plan to revitalize and upgrade “H Wharf” will provide the port with a critical area to handle special project cargo, sensitive cargo, break bulk and bulk cargo, and, will keep the containerized cargo operation separate from any passenger ship operations. The flexibility that “H Wharf” will provide will increase the port’s cargo handling footprint and increase its capability to work multiple cargo handling operations. This will help to ensure cargo flow through the port and into the community during spikes of increased inbound cargo.

Seabridge, Inc. extends its support’s for the Port Authority of Guam’s application “Revitalization and Upgrade of ‘H’ Wharf,” for the Department of Transportation’s National Infrastructure Investment Program (TIGER), as per U.S. Public Law 113-76.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2016

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

As Independent Owners & Operators of U.S. Flag Ro/Ro vessels, we extend our support of the Port Authority of Guam's (PAG) application, "Revitalization and Upgrade of "H" Wharf," for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investment Program (TIGER), as per U.S. Public Law 113-76.

The demand for docking and wharfage space has drastically increased due to the economic growth and strategic regional location of Guam. While there are current efforts underway to expand cargo storage at the Port, the waterfront wharf space remains limited in its capacity to serve the demand. Delays have been observed at the Port due to vessel traffic which has affected our economic opportunity and success. We understand that with the revitalization and upgrade of "H" Wharf, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port will be able to address the traffic and congestion issues of its main cargo handling area. This project will allow for break bulk, Ro/Ro, aggregate cargoes and barges to operate away from the Port's container ships and handling equipment.

Waterman Steamship Inc. understands and supports the role that the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port provides to the community and industry, and we fully support and endorse the Port Authority of Guam's application for the Revitalization of Upgrade of "H" Wharf.

Sincerely,

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Robert T. Chambers
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April 25, 2016

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the Port Authority of Guam's (PAG) application for the U. S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program to maintain and repair "H" Wharf (Hotel Wharf).

The PAG is well underway in the capital improvement plan and master plan approved several years ago. The improvements increase yard capacity, address environmental needs and equipment needs. Equally important to include in the plan is the need to revitalize Hotel Wharf for the purposes of expanding wharf space and reducing congestion in the main cargo terminal, especially when the military realignment projects begin.

I support the repair of the Hotel Wharf to allow PAG to transfer project cargo operations to a separate area from the current container ship operations. These specific operations include discharge and loading of pure break bulk carriers, RoRo ships, aggregate cargoes, and cruise ships, all of which add to the congestion at the current waterfront designed for container operations.

In the near future, the military realignment projects will begin, Guam's population will increase and transshipments to greater Micronesia will increase. The maintenance and repair of Hotel Wharf is greatly needed to keep pace with future growth. It will play a critical role in PAG's ability to move freight in the coming years.

The PAG has held extensive meetings with key stakeholders to seek input on the master plan and Hotel Wharf upgrade. We fully support and endorse PAG's application for the maintenance and repair of "H" Wharf.

Sincerely,



Bernadette Valencia
General Manager