

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

February 8, 2016

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

The Honorable Therese McMillan  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator McMillan:

As you consider requests for the remaining Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program funds provided through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, we write to request your assistance in advancing critical projects throughout the State of New Jersey. Funds provided would finance projects for the protection, repair, and replacement of New Jersey Transit equipment and facilities that suffered significant damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

In a November 5, 2014 *Federal Register* notice, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) noted that it was reserving \$817 million of Emergency Relief Program funds to be allocated based on “[d]amage assessments submitted by affected agencies and reviewed by FTA.” We are grateful for the \$342 million that FTA has already allocated to New Jersey Transit for recovery and repair, and for your counsel and assistance during the preparation and certification of New Jersey Transit’s most recent damage assessment. As you know, that assessment found that New Jersey Transit’s remaining total cost of repair and rebuilding stands at \$809 million, leaving a shortfall of \$467 million in unmet needs.

These unmet needs encompass transit projects that are necessary for mobility, congestion relief, and quality of life throughout the State of New Jersey. This includes the Hudson River Tunnels, which were damaged from salt water inundation during Hurricane Sandy. Both Amtrak and New Jersey Transit have pledged funds to advance environmental reviews and preliminary engineering to repair the tunnels, but there is an existing shortfall of approximately \$35 million. The Administration’s assistance in addressing this shortfall would further strengthen the federal-State partnership that DOT has helped to develop in support of this project.

Other unmet needs include the repair of switch heaters and remote terminal units damaged by storm surge; restoration of key power systems in Hoboken and at the Meadows Maintenance Complex in Kearny; repair of latent damage to signal and communications cables as well as traction and station power distribution infrastructure on the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system;

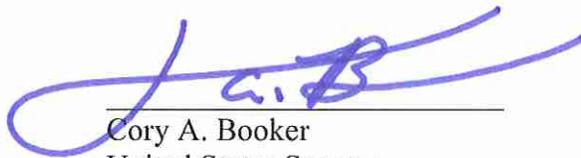
additional repairs to damaged mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems at Hoboken Terminal; addressing damaged signal and control cabling equipment on the Newark Light Rail system; and repair and replacement of the damaged bridge control system at Morgan Draw Bridge. The repair of these assets is essential to ensuring the safe and reliable operation of transit services throughout the State.

Thank you for your leadership in ensuring that transit agencies significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy are able to fully recover from the storm. We request that you move forward expeditiously with a final allocation of remaining repair and recovery funding that will help New Jersey Transit and other transit agencies complete repairs to damage from the worst mass transit disaster in the nation's history.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez  
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



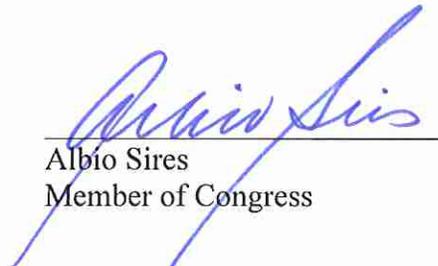
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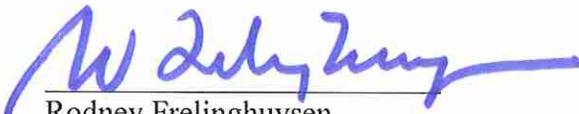
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