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Robbie Makinen
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RE: Letter of Support for TIGER Grant Application

Dear Mr. Makinen:

As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) wishes to convey support for the application submitted by the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. MARC serves as the council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Greater Kansas City.

KC-CORE (Connecting Our Riverfront to Everyone), is an innovative multi-modal project to reconnect Kansas City's historic Berkley Riverfront to the heart of Downtown Kansas City. The local partnership to advance KC-CORE consists of Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Port Authority of Kansas City, MO (Port KC), and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and the underlying project includes a northern extension of the successful and record-setting KC Streetcar system in addition to new dedicated pedestrian, and bicycle facilities. The project represents a strong public-private partnerships as all of the local capital funding for this project will be provided by Port KC and the private developers who are building projects now and in the future on the 120 acre Berkley Riverfront.

This project is a priority of the recently updated *Smart Moves* regional transit vision and is fully consistent with *Transportation Outlook 2040*, the region's long-range transportation plan and, as such, demonstrates the support of the entire Kansas City region for this important investment.

The Mid-America Regional Council supports funding KCATA's TIGER application; and we look forward to working with you to make this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Warm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David A. Warm
Executive Director

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Tom Gerend – Kansas City Streetcar Authority
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