

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 10, 2017

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of Port KC, KCSA and KCATA's joint application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2017) grant application through the United States Department of Transportation for multi-modal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront.

This project, **KC•CORE** – *Connecting Our Riverfront for Everyone*, through the collaboration of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Port Authority of Kansas City, MO (Port KC), and the grant applicant the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority would provide the means to deliver a half-mile extension of Kansas City's successful 2016 Streetcar Starter Line Operations by 2021.

The half-mile project is a natural extension of the initial KC Streetcar and bridging to the riverfront will allow for more integrated recreation, bike, pedestrian, parking, and commuter options for the system and will moreover provide over 50 acres of development-ready ground to the existing system for economic development.

KC•CORE meets the TIGER goals for significant regional impact and will be successful for generations. I hope you will give full and fair consideration to this proposal. Please keep me informed on the progress of this request.

Sincerely,



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