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

Dear Secretary Chao:

The purpose of this letter is to support the KC•CORE Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for multimodal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. The City of Kansas City, Missouri is a committed partner to the KC•CORE team.

KC•CORE is a superb example of local government teamwork operating at a peak level with the Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA), Port Authority of Kansas City, MO (Port KC), the City of Kansas City, Missouri (the City) and the grant Applicant – the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA / RideKC) teaming up to provide direct financial support to deliver this highly anticipated, three-quarter-mile extension of the KC Streetcar by 2021.

The three-quarter-mile project is the next logical step to continued revitalization of downtown Kansas City and maintaining the momentum of \$2.2 billion in economic development recognized from the 2016 KC Streetcar Project. As a committed partner, the City intends to fund the pedestrian and bicycle improvements that will connect downtown to the riverfront and over 50 acres of development-ready ground.

KC•CORE supports the long-term national goals that have been established by the BUILD Grant program and the call for Public Private Partnerships (P3) by the Trump Administration. KC•CORE meets the BUILD goals for significant regional impact and will continue to be successful for generations. The City strongly recommends that you select the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority's BUILD Grant Application to join the ranks of previously approved TIGER projects. This project is an ideal candidate to earn the privilege of becoming a part of this vital national infrastructure program. We look forward to delivering another federally and locally funded partnership on time and on budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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City Manager