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September 28, 2017

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 emphatically support the City of Kansas City, Missouri's 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2017) Grant Application. As a Missouri state senator, I represent a constituency of approximately 175,000 people in Kansas City, MO who are very interested in this program coming to fruition.

The Kansas City, Missouri Downtown Streetcar Project is a superb example of a project that supports the long-term national goals that have been established by the TIGER Grant program and by the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities. In developing this project, the city has demonstrated a "can-do" attitude in its efforts to date and has been unwaveringly committed to an accelerated implementation. The project's planning has been reliable, forward-thinking and comprehensive. Equally important, the city has engaged the community in an honest, personal dialogue in regards to its transit needs. The city began this project as part of an unprecedented partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. This partnership has been diligent and hard working in its efforts to move transit in Kansas City forward, ensuring that each transit component is realistic in its objectives while serving an overall integrated transit system.

The Kansas City, Missouri Downtown Streetcar Project meets the TIGER goals for significant regional impact and will be successful for generations. I strongly recommend that you select the City of Kansas City, Missouri's 2017 TIGER Grant Application to join the ranks of approved TIGER projects. This project is ideal to earn the privilege of being a part of this vital national infrastructure program. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Kiki Curls".

S. Kiki Curls
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