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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 emphatically support the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2017) Grant Application for multi-modal connections to Kansas City’s Berkley Riverfront. The Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City is an association of businesses, unions and governments who enhance collaboration between labor and management and the community.

One of our core priorities is economic development, particularly development that generates good-paying jobs. This is a goal we certainly share with the federal government and the TIGER grant program. We believe that the Riverfront transportation project, KC•CORE – Connecting Our Riverfront for Everyone, will generate many good jobs not just in its construction but in attracting good jobs to the region, just as the previous streetcar project also supported with federal investment has done.

We are also confident that the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority has the ability as part of the public-private partnership to ensure a successful project that meets the grant’s goals.

Please let me know if there are questions regarding our support for this exciting project. Thank you for your attention and for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,

Bob Jacobi
Executive Director