



Office of the City Council

Councilwoman Jolie L. Justus, 4th District

July 10, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

This letter is in support of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for multi-modal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. As Kansas City's Councilwoman for the application area, I am strongly in favor of this project.

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 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.

This three-quarter-mile project is a natural extension of the KC Streetcar starter line and will advance integrated commuter options – including recreation, bike, pedestrian, and parking for the RideKC regional system. Moreover, this project will bridge existing railroad barriers and connect over 50 acres of development-ready ground to Downtown KC – further expediting the rate and value of economic development.

KC•CORE supports the long-term national goals that have been established by the BUILD Grant program and the Public Private Partnerships (P3) that President Trump has called for. KC•CORE meets the BUILD goals for significant regional impact and will continue to be successful for generations. Our organization 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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jolie L. Justus

