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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 Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City strongly supports the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for multi-modal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. Our mission is to enhance collaboration among the more than 80 companies, unions and governments in the Kansas City region that we represent, and have been for 39 years.

We applaud the local government teamwork involved with KC•CORE, including the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Port Authority of Kansas City, MO, the City of Kansas City, Mo. and the grant Applicant – the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. This coalition is providing direct financial support to deliver what would be a popular, three-quarter-mile extension of the highly successful KC Streetcar by 2021. Port KC is partnering with private developers for Berkley Riverfront projects, including seven-figure, construction-triggered payments in development agreements to add funding.

This project is a natural extension of the KC Streetcar starter line, further integrating commuter options and bridge existing railroad barriers to connect more than 50 acres of development-ready ground to Downtown KC.

KC•CORE supports the long-term BUILD Grant national goals and the call for Public Private Partnerships (P3) by the Trump Administration. The LMC strongly recommends that you select the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority's BUILD Grant Application to as an ideal candidate to join this vital national infrastructure program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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