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July 12, 2018

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

Re: KC•CORE Project, Kansas City, Missouri  
BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

The KC•CORE (Connecting Our Riverfront for Everyone) project has made an application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to fund multi-modal connections (extensions) to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. As the State Senator from Missouri representing the expansion, I would like to take this opportunity to submit my letter of support on behalf of the KC•CORE 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 (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. Port KC continues to partner with private developers who are building projects on the Berkley Riverfront and have willingly included large, seven-figure construction-triggered lump sum payments in their development agreements to supplement the local agencies' funding. The project is a natural extension of our city's KC Streetcar starter line and will advance integrated commuter options – including recreation, bike, pedestrian, and parking for the RideKC regional system.

KC•CORE's project is vital to Kansas City's economic growth and will have significant regional impact on multi-modal accessibility for future generations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason R. Holsman".

Jason R. Holsman  
State Senator  
District 7