



July 18, 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,

The purpose of this letter is to emphatically support the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for multi-modal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. Bear Bishop, LLC d/b/a Bar K is the owner/developer currently finalizing construction on the \$3.5 million Bar K restaurant and private dog park on Berkley Riverfront.

The Streetcar will add value to our project by allowing greater access to all of cultural, recreational, business, and employment in downtown for our 1000 dog park members and increase the visibility of our restaurant by enhancing the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connects to the development. This project is vital to Berkley Riverfront business owners like Bear Bishop, LLC and we are therefore in support of our Landlord's pledge of the entire \$1 million present value of our land lease payments toward the capital costs of building the KC CORE project.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian enhancements are of particular interest to Bar K as many of our members maintain an active lifestyle and increasing their access means increasing our business. The Streetcar component is equally important to the restaurant component of our business. We know that our patrons ride the streetcar to other destinations along the existing starter route and we look forward to also having that advantage at Berkley Riverfront.

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 BUILD 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leib Dodell", written in a cursive style.

Leib Dodell,
President