



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. Flaherty and Collins Properties is a top 100 national multi-family builder / developer currently finalizing construction on the \$75 million multi-family project 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 tenants and increase the viability of our retail and office space by enhancing the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connects to the development. This project is vital to Berkley Riverfront developers like Flaherty and Collins and we committed to supporting the operational costs via our financial participation in the Condominium Association and also allow use of day-time weekday parking stalls for commuters. The potential of the Streetcar connecting Berkley Riverfront to the greater downtown through the KC CORE project was one of reasons we choose this location for our Union Project and a primary driver our firm's interest in additional Berkley Riverfront investments as we grow our Kansas City real estate footprint.

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,

Ryan Cronk,
Vice President, Development