



May 16, 2020

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

RE: Letter of Support for KC STREETCAR RIVERFRONT EXTENSION Build Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for BUILD Discretionary Grants, I wish to convey my strong support for the **KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension** application submitted by our local KC streetcar partnership, consisting of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, along with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Streetcar Authority and the Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri.

This innovative multi-modal project will reconnect Kansas City's historic Berkley Riverfront to the heart of downtown Kansas City and the existing and downtown streetcar starter-line. The project includes a northern extension of the highly successful KC Streetcar system, in addition to new pedestrian and bicycle improvements. 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 active new development, affordable housing, and remaining development opportunities to downtown KC – further expediting the rate and value of economic development.

I fully support and encourage the funding this BUILD application, and we look forward to working with you to make this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

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