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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,

I am writing in support of the KC Streetcar Partnership's application for funding through the Department of Transportation BUILD grant program. I believe that the KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Project in Kansas City, Mo to be an excellent candidate to receive this grant.

This 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 also includes a northern extension of the highly successful KC Streetcar system as well as 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 affordable housing with additional development in Kansas City.

I believe that the KC Streetcar Partnership is well suited for this project. I request your full and fair consideration for this application. In addition, I would ask that you keep my office informed of the progress of the proposal and notify me when a decision regarding the recipients is made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Barry in my Kansas City District office at 816.792.3976 or by e-mail at [Matthew.Barry@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matthew.Barry@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Sam Graves  
Member of Congress