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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

It has come to my attention that the Kansas City Streetcar Authority has applied for a grant through the United States Department of Transportation's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program for the KC Streetcar Riverfront Expansion.

The KC Streetcar Riverfront Expansion is a multimodal project, intended to connect Kansas City's historic Berkley Riverfront to downtown Kansas City and the existing Streetcar starter-line. In addition to extending the already successful streetcar line further north by three quarters of a mile, the project also includes pedestrian and bicycle accessible improvements. The KC Streetcar extension will provide economic development opportunities by bridging existing railroad barriers and connecting 50 acres of active development, including housing, to the economic and commercial center of downtown Kansas City.

The work the KC Streetcar Authority has accomplished to connect Kansas City is to be commended. It is my hope that you will give KC Streetcar Authority's application your full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt  
United States Senator