

# TURNER DIAGONAL

## Letters of Support

***“Improving Efficiency and Freight Opportunities in Kansas City”***

A Joint Application by:

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas Department of Transportation

12/14/2016

December 8, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

NorthPoint Development strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

NorthPoint Development is a national industrial real estate development firm with a portfolio of over 25,000,000 square feet of Class A industrial space in 12 states. NorthPoint recently sold 130 acres south of the infrastructure included in this grant application to accommodate the development of a 2,400,000 square foot Amazon fulfillment center that will create several thousand jobs. Due to this sale, NorthPoint has purchased over 200 acres surrounding the proposed I-70 and Turner Diagonal Interchange with the vision of developing a 3,000,000 square foot industrial park. This new industrial park would create a capital investment of over \$150,000,000 and the potential to create over 2,700 new jobs; these jobs would have an annual impact of over \$3,000,000 annually in State income tax. Given our track record of industrial development in the Kansas City metro and being the largest landlord in the State of Kansas, we feel extremely confident in these projections.

This infrastructure is vital to the development of the site; the site absolutely cannot be developed without a reconfiguration of this interchange. NorthPoint is fully committed to begin development of this site once confirmation of the new infrastructure is in place and would be willing to enter into a Development Agreement with the local government to provide for assistance from NorthPoint on the project funding.

Best Regards,



Brent Miles  
Vice President  
NorthPoint Development

December 5, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in support of the FASTLANE grant application being submitted by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT). This proposal to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal, along with the adjacent truck staging areas, will enable the Kansas City, Kansas, community to make immediate long-term economic and transportation improvements.

Located within a two-day drive of more than 85 percent of the U.S. population, Kansas City has become a key central location for shippers. Due to key multimodal investments in recent years, Kansas City ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and is among the top five largest trucking centers. However, additional investments are needed for the area to achieve its full economic potential and improve overall national and regional freight efficiency. By improving access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal, this project will benefit businesses and consumers across the nation. More importantly to Kansas, it will bring thousands of jobs to a struggling, economically-depressed area and generate an estimated \$2.7 million annually in tax revenue.

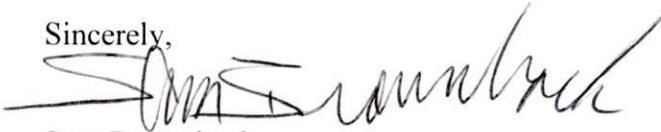
As detailed below, investment in this project allows for economic, freight efficiency and mobility improvements, and creates opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve.

- **Opportunity Created For Economic Development.** Reconfiguration of the interchange will unlock 300 acres of developable property capable of supporting three million square feet of warehousing. It is estimated 2,250 jobs will be created in the Kansas City area yielding five times the private investment for each FASTLANE dollar.
- **Flexibility to Expand Future Capacity.** By allowing for an additional lane on both eastbound and westbound I-70, the proposed innovative interchange design will provide flexibility to expand roadway capacity in the future. These additional lanes will be needed given the projected growth of freight traffic in the area.

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I strongly recommend that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

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Sam Brownback  
Governor

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RELATED PROGRAMS

December 9, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write in support of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant proposal to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal to enable the Kansas City, Kansas community to make immediate and long-term economic and transportation improvements.

Reconfiguration of the current interchange will unlock 800 acres of developable property and millions of square feet of warehousing, creating economic development opportunities and potentially thousands of jobs. In addition, by greatly enhancing the connection from the community's business corridor south of I-70 to the housing and commercial areas north of I-70, both employment opportunities and health outcomes will improve for those who live and work in Kansas City.

Improvements to the Turner Diagonal interchange are a vital part of the Kansas City area community's plan for economic growth and I am pleased to support the Unified Government in this initiative. I look forward to the continued success of this project. If you have any questions regarding this application, please don't hesitate to let me know. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Yoder". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kevin Yoder  
Member of Congress



## County Administrator's Office

Douglas G. Bach, County Administrator

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December 13, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) proudly submit this FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Doug Bach  
County Administrator



# Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

Mark R. Holland, Mayor/CEO

December 14, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Mayor of the Unified Government strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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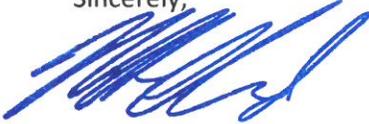
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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Holland  
Mayor/CEO



November 29, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Kansas Turnpike Authority strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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Sincerely,



Steve A. Hewitt CPM  
CEO  
Kansas Turnpike Authority



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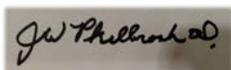
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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook

Commissioner, District 8

December 7, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Wyandotte Economic Development Council (WYEDC) is the county-wide economic development organization representing the communities including Kansas City, Edwardsville and Bonner Springs, strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

More than 85 percent of the U.S. population is within a two-day drive of Kansas City establishing this area as a favorite location among shippers. Kansas City currently ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and ranks in the top five for largest trucking centers, which would not have been possible without key multimodal investments in recent years. However, more investments are needed to help Wyandotte County, Kansas achieve its full economic potential, drive job creation and to improve freight efficiency overall, which will benefit businesses and consumers across the nation.

*A FASTLANE grant drives economic development.* Based on our current economic development experience, having access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal will open up more than 300 acres for development and create more than 2,000 new jobs in an area with low household incomes while also generating an estimated \$2.7 million in annual tax revenue.

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local facilities where they are prohibited. More than 300 trucks use the staging area today and with the new design it will be able to accommodate this usage in a larger more efficient manner. This will complement the \$25 million 2015 TIGER grant awarded to eight states, including Kansas, to create a Regional Truck Parking Management System.

*A FASTLANE grant delivers job opportunities.* As with any infrastructure investment, the goal is to identify as many ways as possible to improve the community. For Wyandotte County, connecting our residents to the jobs we believe will be created through this endeavor is critical. Despite recent increases in household income which now stands at \$41,800, Wyandotte County is still well below the national household income at \$55,775. To create jobs, we must open up land that is otherwise largely landlocked by the current road configuration. We believe the jobs created by opening up more than 300 acres will help further strides being made at the local level to create career pathways in logistics and light manufacturing, which then leads to a better skilled workforce and increased household incomes.

Wyandotte Economic Development Council strongly supports and recommends selection of the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Kindle  
President

December 1, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the FASTLANE grant application being submitted by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). This proposal to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal, along with the adjacent truck staging area is an important improvement that will enable the Kansas City, Kansas, community to make immediate long-term economic and transportation improvements.

Kansas City has long been, and continues to be, a key central location for shippers. Due to key multimodal investments in recent years, Kansas City ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and is among the top five largest trucking centers. However, additional investments are needed for the area to achieve its full economic potential and to improve overall national and regional freight efficiency. By improving access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal, this project will benefit businesses and consumers across the nation. More importantly to Kansas, it will bring thousands of jobs to an economically-depressed area and generate an estimated \$2.7 million annually in tax revenue.

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We are very supportive of this project and ask that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

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Steve Kelly  
Deputy Secretary



## Business West, Inc.

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Dec. 6, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Business West Inc. strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas, and also to reconfigure the adjacent truck staging areas to expedite freight drayage and last-mile connections.

Business West is an independent, voluntary association representing about 80 members, mostly small businesses.

Kansas City, Kansas, is located within a two-day drive of more than 85 percent of the U.S. population. Kansas City, Kansas, has become a favorite location among shippers; the area currently ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage. The area is among the top five biggest trucking centers, which would not have been possible without key multimodal investments in recent years. However, more investments need to be made to help the area achieve its full economic potential and to improve freight efficiency overall. This would benefit businesses and consumers across the nation. By opening up access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal, it will bring thousands of jobs to an impoverished area and generate an estimated \$2.7 million annually in tax revenue.

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Kansas City Area Development Council, a regional economic development organization representing 2.5 million people across the KC metropolitan area, strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

Due to being located within a two-day drive of more than 85 percent of the U.S. population, Kansas City has become a favorite location among an array of logistics and transportation concerns. The Kansas City region currently ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and is among the top five biggest trucking centers, which would not have been possible without key multimodal investments in recent years. Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS is an integral component of our region's transportation infrastructure and also plays a vital role in moving goods across this continent.

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The Kansas City Area Development Council strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tim Cowden  
President & CEO

December 5, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Kansas City Manufacturing Network strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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Donna Gordon  
Managing Director  
Kansas City Manufacturing Network



December 1, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Board of Public Utilities strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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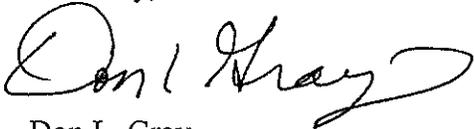
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Don L. Gray  
General Manager



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December 2, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Kansas City SmartPort strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

Kansas City is located within a two-day drive of more than 85 percent of the U.S. population. Kansas City has become a preferred location among distribution and eCommerce fulfillment centers. Kansas City currently ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and is among the top five biggest trucking centers, which would not have been possible without key multimodal investments in recent years. However, more investments need to be made to help the area achieve its full economic potential and to improve freight efficiency overall, which will benefit businesses and consumers across the nation. By opening up access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal, this project will bring thousands of jobs to an impoverished area and generate an estimated \$2.7 million annually in tax revenue.

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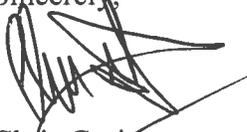
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Chris Gutierrez  
President

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Richard Carlson, Acting Secretary  
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Sam Brownback, Governor

December 7, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in support of the FASTLANE grant application being submitted by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). This proposal to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal, along with the adjacent truck staging areas, will enable the Kansas City, Kansas community to make immediate long-term economic and transportation improvements.

Kansas City is an important hub and critical link for the movement of freight and commerce across the country. Located within a two-day drive of more than 85 percent of the U.S. population, Kansas City has become a key central location for shippers. Kansas City ranks as the nation's largest railroad hub in terms of tonnage and is among the top five largest trucking centers, due in part to key multimodal investments in recent years. However, more improvements need be done for Kansas City to reach its full economic potential and improve overall national and regional freight efficiency. By improving access to I-70 from the Turner Diagonal, this project will benefit businesses and consumers across the nation. More importantly to Kansas, it will bring thousands of jobs to a struggling, economically-depressed area and generate an estimated \$2.7 million annually in tax revenue.

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I thank you for your service, as USDOT Secretary, to our country and I would request your support for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation’s FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

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Catherine M. Patrick, P.E.  
State Transportation Engineer

12/14/16

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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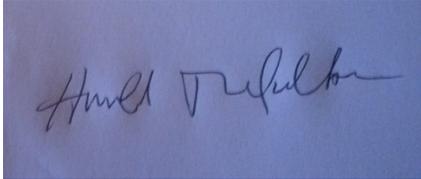
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Harold T. Walker  
Commissioner at Large District 2



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December 14, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Wyandotte Health Foundation strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) FASTLANE grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas and reconfiguring the adjacent truck staging areas to better facilitate freight drayage and last-mile connections.

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Cathy Harding  
President & CEO