



Letters of Support

"A Community Investment for Turner Diagonal"

A Joint Application by:

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas Department of Transportation

4/27/2016



Unified Government of
Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
Mark R. Holland, Mayor/CEO

4/26/2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As Mayor of the Unified Government, I ask that you strongly consider the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and our TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas. The awarding of this grant would be transformative in allowing us to change the landscape and provide immediate and long-term economic, transportation and health benefits to this community, state and region.

My priorities as Mayor focus on economic development, innovation and healthy communities. This proposed project will create opportunities in all three areas. Our community, like so many, had lost ground the past forty years but finds itself on an upswing in so many areas. Our successful development in the western part of our city/county has given us the chance to address our other areas in the county that would directly benefit from this proposed project. We continue to be last in the state in unemployment and in county health rankings despite creating 30% of all new jobs in the state of Kansas.

Our workforce development efforts are accelerating because of a broad number of partners including our high schools, colleges and community colleges, business interests who recognize this work will create their future workforce, and nonprofit agencies that see education, training and employment as the way out of poverty. This proposed project will provide hundreds of new jobs, particularly for our citizens who don't have a college degree but will be able to provide for themselves and their families.

We now know social determinants drive health as we analyze the health rankings. Poverty and unemployment change lives and families. This project allows us to improve the health of every resident through job creation and healthy infrastructure. Mr. Secretary, I know you are building a national infrastructure and I am building a city. This grant will give us the opportunity to attain my vision for this community. I am grateful for your support.

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

Sincerely,



Mark R. Holland
Mayor/CEO



County Administrator's Office
Douglas G. Bach, County Administrator

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April 22, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Unified Government strongly supports our partnership with the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) and our TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas. The opportunity in this area of the Kansas City metropolitan community will not only create new competitive solutions in attracting jobs and manufacturing to Kansas, but will also provide a unique vantage point in international competition.

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World-wide, light industrial manufacturing and distribution companies are looking at the United States as a great market to develop or move their companies to as a result of our reliable power and great infrastructure. However, these are moves that new corporations are only willing to make if they can locate near this infrastructure and within the population base that is seeking jobs. The proposed project area in Kansas City, Kansas checks both of these boxes. This is an urban location near the center of a three million population base, located along Interstate 70 and in close proximity to the second largest rail center in the United States. Our local unemployment rate is around six percent and our community is actively working with our community college and tech center to teach job skills. This interchange reconfiguration will be a game changer to make development happen and increase our position competing internationally.

Our organization proudly submits our TIGER application with the Kansas Department of Transportation's to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Douglas G. Bach
County Administrator

April 27, 2016

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Secretary of Transportation
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Thank you for your consideration of the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application. I ask that you give this request your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mike King
Secretary of Transportation
Director of Kansas Turnpike Authority

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April 25, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

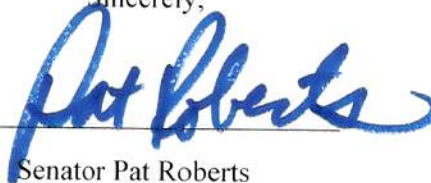
I write in support of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The I-70 and Turner Diagonal interchange serves as a key transit route, handling a complex mix of commuter and commercial traffic. The existing infrastructure has exceeded capacity and significant improvements are needed to maintain safety standards, decrease congestion, and provide the Kansas City community with diverse transportation options.

This proposal provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region. Investment in this project creates numerous opportunities for both employment and community health by enhancing the connection for the community's business corridor south of I-70 to the housing and commercial areas north of I-70 and improving multimodal movements.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,



Senator Pat Roberts

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RELATED PROGRAMS

April 21, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write in support of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant proposal submitted by the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation. This proposal to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal will 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, Kansas 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".

Kevin Yoder
Member of Congress

April 27, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

It is my pleasure to support the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The needs and struggles of the Kansas City, Kansas community are significant. The community ranks as one of the lowest in the state from a health rankings standpoint, including unemployment and children living in poverty compared to all other counties in the state.

The proposed project provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region. Investment in this project creates opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve – and helps create the platform from which other economic, health and transportation improvement can be developed.

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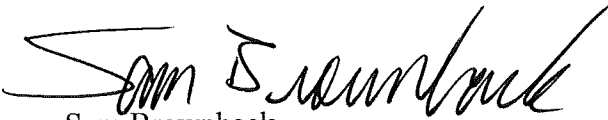
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Secretary Anthony Foxx
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Thank you for your consideration of the United Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application. I ask that you give this request your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Sam Brownback
Governor

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 26, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to express my strong support of the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Kansas City, Kansas, community ranks as one of the lowest in the state in terms of unemployment and children living in poverty. This project represents a true ladder of opportunity for both employment and health outcomes 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. Specific multimodal improvements would include:

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The proposed project provides vital immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region – opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve. By unlocking 800 acres of developable property and millions of square feet of warehousing through the reconfiguration of the current interchange, it is estimated 3,000 to 4,000 jobs will be created in the Kansas City area, yielding five times the private investment for each TIGER dollar.

Thank you for your consideration of the Unified Government and KDOT's TIGER grant request.

Sincerely,



Senator Jerry Moran



4/20/16

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 Board of Public Utilities strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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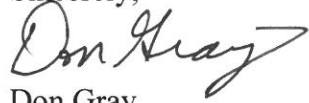
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Don Gray
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April 19, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

Business West strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and the Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The needs and struggles of Kansas City, Kansas, are significant. The community ranks as one of the lowest in the state from a health-ranking standpoint and among the highest in unemployment and in children living in poverty among all Kansas counties.

The proposed project would provide an important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefit to the community and the region. The investment in this project would create opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve. This could help create a platform that would encourage other economic, health and transportation improvements.

This would create prime opportunities for economic development. By unlocking 800 acres of property and millions of square feet of warehousing through the reconfiguration of the interchange, it is estimated that as many as 4,000 jobs could be created. This could mean five times the private investment of the TIGER grant.

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- *Improving multimodal connections between Kansas City, Kansas, Community College and thousands of entry-level jobs in Edwardsville, Kan.
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Business West, an independent association with 80 members (mostly small businesses) strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the Kansas Department of Transportation’s TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and the Turner Diagonal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Murrel W. Bland

Murrel W. Bland
Executive Director, Business West



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Melissa Bynum
At-Large District 1

April 18, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Coreslab Structures (Kansas), Inc. strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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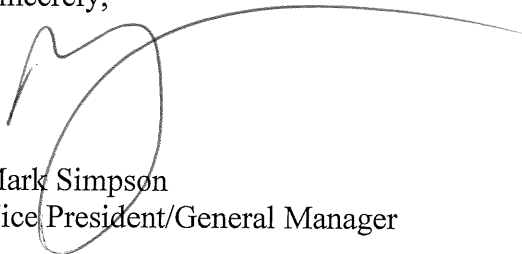
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Mark Simpson
Vice President/General Manager



Office of the President

April 19, 2016

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- Individuals can receive educational training and work readiness preparedness at Kansas City Kansas Community College in preparation to advance in the workplace beyond the entry level positions.
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- Tying into existing transit corridors and local master multimodal plans.
- Creating educational access for individuals connecting to south corridor and housing for increased healthy lifestyles.
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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
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April 25, 2016

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

The **Healthy Communities Wyandotte coalition** strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

Healthy Communities Wyandotte is a multi-sector coalition that began in 2009 when Wyandotte County, Kansas was ranked the least healthy county in the state of Kansas (105 out of 105). Over 80 organizations actively participate in the coalition. It is seen as a regional leader in cross-sector collaborative health improvement work. The coalition also works closely with the Unified Government, and together they have made some notable accomplishments:

- Passing the 2011 Complete Streets resolution in Kansas City, Kansas
- Adopting the 2012 Sidewalk & Trail Master Plan
- Community advocacy for the first bicycle lanes in Kansas City, Kansas (8.5 miles total)
- Passing an ordinance raising the purchasing age of tobacco to 21 years old
- Coordinating the best performing Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment campaign in the State of Kansas, dropping the uninsured rate from 26% to 18% in one year

Despite our hard work for the past six years, Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS remains an unhealthy place for many residents to live. Challenging socio-economic factors and a built environment designed only for cars compound our issues. In the 2016 County Health Rankings, Wyandotte County had the second highest adult obesity rate (38%) in the state of Kansas. This transportation project is promising because it both increases access to employment and also provides more opportunity for active transportation and recreation.

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..... HCW: Mobilizing the community to improve health and well-being in Wyandotte County through increased communication, coordination, and culture change.

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- Completing a bicycle and pedestrian corridor that begins at a TIGER I funded BRT route through the heart of Kansas City, Kansas connecting employment centers to the south.
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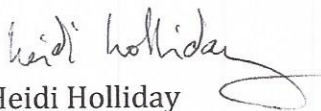
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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cathy Harding
President/CEO, Wyandotte Health Foundation
Chair, Healthy Communities Wyandotte Steering Committee



Heidi Holliday
Executive Director, Rosedale Development Association
Chair, Healthy Communities Wyandotte Infrastructure Action Team



April 18, 2016

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

The Kansas Turnpike Authority strongly supports the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Sincerely,



Steve Hewitt
CEO Kansas Turnpike Authority

April 26, 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 Area Development Council strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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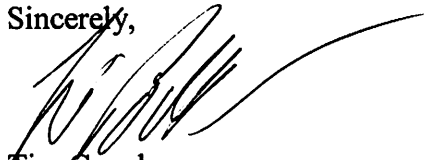
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Our regional economic development organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tim Cowden
President and CEO
Kansas City Area Development Council
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Kansas City, MO 64108

April 20, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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

Sincerely,



Robbie Makinen
President and CEO

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KCKChamber

April 20, 2016

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

The Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas. The KCK Chamber of Commerce is committed to enhancing, creating, and supporting opportunities in Wyandotte County which build a quality community to live, work, and conduct business.

The needs and struggles of the Kansas City, Kansas community are significant. The community ranks as one of the lowest in the state from a health rankings standpoint, including unemployment and children living in poverty compared to all counties in the state.

The proposed project provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region. The reconfiguration of the Turner Diagonal will create many more opportunities for development, job creation, transit connections and positive impacts on the community. Investment in this project creates opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve – and helps create the platform from which other economic, health and transportation improvements can develop.

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Sincerely,



Daniel Silva, Executive Director
Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce

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April 21, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

The City of Edwardsville wishes to express its strong support for the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The proposed project provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region. Investment of TIGER funds in this project creates opportunities both locally and regionally that otherwise could take decades to achieve – and helps create the platform from which other economic, health and transportation improvements can developed.

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Creates ladders of opportunity and a healthier community. This project represents a true ladder of opportunity for both employment and health outcomes by greatly enhancing the connection between business centers and housing, especially from the business corridor south of I-70 to the housing and commercial areas north of I-70. Further, it improves multimodal movements including:

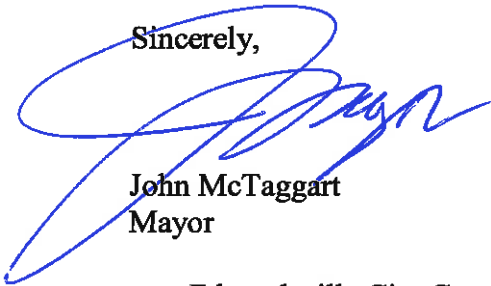
- An improved multimodal connection between Kansas City Kansas Community College and thousands of livable wage jobs in Edwardsville.
- Completing a bicycle and pedestrian corridor that begins at a TIGER I funded BRT route through the heart of Kansas City, Kansas connecting to employment centers to the south.
- Creating a safe and efficient way for pedestrians to cross I-70 – something that doesn't exist today.
- Tying into existing transit corridors and local master multi-modal plans including the K-32 Tri-City (Kansas City, Edwardsville & Bonner Springs) Multimodal Redevelopment Plan.

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In closing, the City of Edwardsville thanks you for your consideration of our comments and strongly recommends that you support the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John McTaggart", is written over the printed name and title.

John McTaggart
Mayor

xc: Edwardsville City Council

April 18, 2016

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

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NorthPoint Development strongly supports the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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

Sincerely,



Brent Miles
Vice President



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April 22, 2016

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

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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER 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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Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook
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Antonio J. Soave, Secretary

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April 22, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Kansas Department of Commerce strongly supports the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at Interstate-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas City, Kansas, faces several significant challenges. The community ranks lower than most other counties in the state in healthcare rankings, unemployment and children living in poverty. The proposed project provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region and creates numerous opportunities in economic development, healthcare and infrastructure.

By unlocking 800 acres of developable property and millions of square feet of warehousing through the reconfiguration of the current interchange, the project is estimated to create 3,000 to 4,000 jobs in the Kansas City area and yield five times the private investment for each TIGER dollar. This project will also enhance the connection between the community's business corridor south of I-70 and the housing and commercial areas north of I-70, which will help improve employment and healthcare outcomes.

In addition, the project will "right-size" the Turner Diagonal by reducing lane miles and removing a complicated set of ramps and overpasses that are expensive to maintain and do not allow for a safe bicycle and pedestrian crossing.

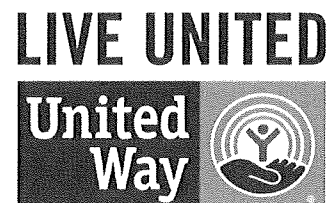
Our organization strongly encourages you to select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest Regards,

Antonio J. Soave
Kansas Commerce Secretary

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April 20, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of support – TIGER Grant application

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The United Way of Wyandotte County strongly supports the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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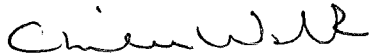
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United Way of Wyandotte County's Mission:
To increase the community's understanding of human needs and to mobilize resources to meet those needs.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. Cherilee Walker
Chairman of the Board



Wendell Maddox
President/CEO



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April 25, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I strongly support the Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

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- Providing trails and sidewalks that will allow for pedestrian and bicycle movement – an investment the community will be making as part of this project.

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Our organization strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER 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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April 19, 2016

The Honorable Mark Holland
Mayor/CEO
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
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RE: Letter of Support for TIGER Grant Application

Dear Mayor Holland:

As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants, the Mid-America Regional Council wishes to convey support for the Unified Government's grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas.

The needs and struggles of the Kansas City, Kansas community are significant. The community ranks as one of the lowest in the state from a health rankings standpoint, including unemployment and children living in poverty compared to all counties in the state.

The proposed project provides important immediate and long-term economic and transportation benefits to the community and region. Investment in this project will create opportunities that otherwise could take decades to achieve – and will help create the platform from which other economic, health and transportation improvements can develop.

This project is fully consistent with *Transportation Outlook 2040*, the region's long-range transportation plan and, as such, demonstrates the support of the entire Kansas City region for this important investment.

The Mid-America Regional Council supports funding the Unified Government's TIGER application; and we look forward to working with you to make this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Warm", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David A. Warm
Executive Director

Copy: Melissa Mundt

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April 20, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
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Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council (WYEDC) please accept this letter as support for the TIGER grant application being submitted by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to reconfigure the interchange at Interstate 70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City, Kansas. WYEDC is an economic development organization with a mission to promote and strengthen Wyandotte County, Kansas' economy public and private partnerships.

The proposed interchange upgrades has the opportunity to open up nearly 800 acres for and allow for the creation of several thousand new jobs across socioeconomic levels based on known projects interested in that area *if* the community can address the access and connectivity issues.

Like many urban communities across the country, the challenges in Kansas City, Kansas community are significant. Despite having the third highest wages in Kansas (\$47,580), our median household income (\$39,326) is stagnant and our health rankings remain the lowest in the state. We believe the proposed TIGER grant project connects transportation investments to economic, workforce and transit opportunities that are transformational to the community and act as a best practice for the region.

WYEDC is working with a number of partners to address the connection between our residents having a good job and the impact that has on their health and quality of life. Improvements to this interchange located in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas will provide better connections to both sides of Interstate 70 for commercial, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian uses while also improving access to a key workforce development partner – the Kansas City Kansas Community College.

WYEDC strongly recommends that you select the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application to reconfigure the interchange at I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Kansas City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory S. Kindle".

Gregory S. Kindle
President