



April 20, 2016

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

RE: FY 2016, Letter of Support for the City of Wichita's U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in strong support of The City of Wichita's **TIGER** application, **Multi-Modal Transportation Connections for the Wichita State University Innovation Campus** which complements and builds on the regional advanced manufacturing strategy as outlined in the Investing in Manufacturing Partnership.

Wichita State University's game-changing Innovation Campus and designation by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a "Manufacturing Community" sets the stage for the region by focusing on the next generation of manufacturing.

TIGER grant funds will provide necessary infrastructure. Transit, improved streets and signaling technology, and bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure will play a key role in providing access to Wichita State University for students, faculty and employment and visitors. Increased access to and expanded capacity of the Innovation Campus will move our economy up the value chain of global competitiveness by growing the firms, networks, and traded sectors that drive broad-based prosperity.

The region's global competitiveness is hinged on making aerospace manufacturing an anchor for a diversified sector, with investments in manufacturing research centers, supply chain integration investments, and up-skilling projects targeting the regional workforce.

I believe that making strategic long-term investments in the innovation and industrial ecosystem of Kansas will operationalize the vision to become a global powerhouse in tradable goods and services sectors.

Sincerely,

Karyn Page

President/CEO