



**Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department**

April 21, 2016

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

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Wichita's FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Mr. Foxx:

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) enthusiastically supports the City of Wichita's FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application.

The MAPC recently adopted a new comprehensive plan for Wichita and Sedgwick County entitled the Community Investments Plan. The Community Investments Plan recognizes the critical importance of the Wichita State University Innovation Campus to the growth and development of the community. The plan includes a Wichita Urban Infill Strategy that focuses on "areas of opportunity" like the neighborhoods around Wichita State and along the bus route proposed to be enhanced by the TIGER grant. The infill strategy will use innovative new land use approaches and targeted infrastructure investments to promote mixed-use infill development supported by a robust community engagement process.

The City of Wichita's TIGER grant application is directly aligned with the vision, core community values, and guiding principles espoused by the Community Investments Plan. The MAPC is honored to provide its support and encourages you to fund this exciting multi-modal transportation project that will foster growth and development of our community in innovative ways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Chapman Neugent".

Carol Chapman Neugent, Chair  
Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission