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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:

Bike Walk Wichita, Inc. [BWW] has been briefed on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program offered through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

BWW is a local advocacy organization made of up more than 1,000 friends and supporters. Our organization has worked with elected officials for the passage of Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans plus a Multi-Modal and Street Design City Ordinance. BWW promotes active transportation via advocacy, education and collaboration. BWW works closely with both business and non-profit organizations. Recently, BWW has implemented a 'ReCycle' initiative that provides refurbished bicycles at low or no costs to low-income citizens who need basic transportation. In addition, BWW coordinates activities, such a trail clean-ups, with local neighborhood associations.

Wichita State University [WSU] has been a very strong partner with BWW. WSU was one of the early supporters of the 'Redbud Path,' a rails-to-trail multiuse path, from downtown Wichita to WSU. The Redbud Path connects low, moderate and higher income neighborhoods. BWW believes strongly in equity and community justice for our citizens and all trail users. This path will eventually connect Wichita and Sedgwick County to the cities of Andover and Augusta in Butler County; a county to the east.

BWW strongly endorses this TIGER grant application. This grant will help to further connect trails and trail users to Wichita State University and career ladder opportunities. This grant will positively impact community health by providing safe and accessible infrastructure for both cyclists and pedestrians. BWW supports this local infrastructure project that will increase the vigor and dynamism of the region's economy and the ability of local firms to adapt to changing markets and technologies.

BWW volunteers will continue to work closely with WSU faculty and staff to promote a 'walkable and bikeable' community. Thank you for your consideration of our letter of support.

Sincerely,

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