



City of Independence

Office of the Mayor, Eileen Weir

April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U. S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Mid-America Regional Council Submission to USDOT RAISE Grant Program

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to support the Mid-America Regional Council's RAISE grant application for the ***Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor*** in the Kansas City region.

This project will build on a strong foundation of community planning and robust community engagement to set the stage for future zero-emission transportation investments and sustainable public infrastructure. This project will support the vision of a 24-mile corridor linking major activity centers and historically disadvantaged communities in two states, two counties and four cities in Greater Kansas City.

The Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project will be led by MARC and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, both of which have strong histories of developing and delivering effective and innovative transportation plans and projects. The project will be advanced in partnership with Independence, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Sugar Creek, Missouri; Jackson County, Missouri and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, in addition to many business, civic and community organizations.

Our community's residents and businesses rely on the access to opportunity that this project will deliver. We are committed to providing matching funds for this project in the amount of up to \$350,000, subject to City Council appropriation, and we encourage you to provide RAISE funds to support this critical need for the Kansas City region.

Sincerely,

Eileen N. Weir