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Deborah Miller, Secretary
Kansas Department of Transportation
Dwight D Eisenhower State Office Building
700 SW Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603-3754

Re: Lawrence Santa Fe Depot Transportation Enhancement Grant Application

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am delighted to be able to support a Grant Application to help enhance transportation by preserving and restoring the Santa Fe Depot located at 413 E. 7th Street in Lawrence, KS.

The benefits to this are four-fold. 1) This is an historic modern building that has high integrity and should be preserved. One of the targets of transportation enhancements is historic preservation. 2) This is a transportation building, also one of the transportation enhancements. This project would meet two of the main priorities of TE funding. 3) This building will be very important to our citizens as we embrace the growing need for efficient and inexpensive passenger transportation to and from regional and continental cities of the United States. And 4) this building is an anchor for our East Lawrence Neighborhood which has great historic architectural significance in our city's oldest neighborhood.

I encourage you to give consideration to this worthy project.

Sincerely,

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