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Mr. Joel Skelley
Bureau of Transportation Planning
Kansas Department of Transportation
700 SW Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603

Re: Santa Fe Depot Roof Replacement
Application for ARRA 2009 Funding

Dear Mr. Skelley:

On behalf of Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission, I would like to express our strong support for the replacement of the roof of the Santa Fe train depot located at 7th and New Jersey Street.

The current condition of the depot indicates a need for major renovation to bring the depot into a state of good condition and into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Amtrak has passenger service to Lawrence and is requesting funds from Congress to make the station ADA compliant. However, the roof has an immediate need for replacement to address water leakage which is contributing to other structural damage.

This is a very important historic structure in Lawrence and therefore, its preservation is a priority for our community.

Your thoughtful consideration of this project is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or comments or need additional information, please contact Chuck Soules, Lawrence Public Works Director, at (785) – 832-3124, Email: csoules@ci.lawrence.ks.us

Sincerely,

Brad Finkeldei / smg

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Chair, Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission

