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The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that the Bi-State Development Agency (d/b/a Metro), along with the City of St. Louis and Cortex Innovation Community as partners, has applied for a TIGER Grant for the Central Corridor Transit Enhancement and Job Access Program.

This project will provide a new light rail station on the existing MetroLink system in the rapidly growing Central West End bio-tech corridor. It will relieve congestion at a nearby MetroLink station and provide badly needed additional transportation alternatives for the area's growing population, thus stimulating the economy. The project will also help to develop the first segment of a bike trail connecting the new station to the regional Great Rivers Greenway train network.

It is my hope that you will give this request your full and fair consideration.

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