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Secretary Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to strongly support the 2014 TIGER grant submission by the BiState Development Agency (Metrolink) entitled the "Central Corridor Transit Enhancement and Job Access Program" located in the heart of my district. The Central Corridor of St. Louis City has been experiencing an economic resurgence in the past five years that is truly remarkable and encouraging for my constituents. Anchored by CORTEX, a not-for-profit organization focused on positioning St. Louis as a regional and international hub for technology research, development and commercialization, a 200 acre technology district is being developed. IKEA recently announced the construction of one of their only Midwest stores in this technology hub.

Funds from this grant would construct a new Metrolink station in this rapidly growing bio-tech corridor, relieve congestion and overcrowding at a nearby Metrolink station, and help develop the first segment of a new bike train connecting the new Metrolink station to the regional Great Rivers Greenway existing trail network.

The jobs created directly by this capital project will help the local economy, and provide expanded public transportation opportunities for this rapidly growing area of the City. The environmental approvals for the project are expected to be secured quickly, as the proposed station is on the existing Metrolink line that has been in operation since 1993.

This project has the strong support of the Mayor of St. Louis, my other St. Louis area Congressional colleagues, MO-DOT, the local MPO, and many other organizations and institutions. I hope that you will give this TIGER application every possible consideration.

Sincerely,



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