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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the 6th St. Bike Blvd. & Heritage Trail Connection project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, 701 North Seventh Street., Suite 945, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

The funding would be used for repaving and restriping 6th Street between Central Avenue and Armstrong Avenue, then connecting on to the Riverfront Heritage trailhead at Armstrong Avenue & 4th Street. Likewise, it would include an upgrade to the off-street trail/sidewalk between 3rd and 4th street. It would also allow the Unified Government of Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County to complete this connection to the Heritage Trail as well as make additional safety and green infrastructure related improvements along the entire stretch of the project. It would include intersection safety improvements to both signalized and unsignalized intersections in order to update outdated infrastructure and provide safe bike/pedestrian connectivity. It provides a public transportation benefit to the citizens of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS. This improvement is in a densely urbanized portion of the city/county. It will connect several nodes of commercial activity with the in-between neighborhood of Strawberry Hill that is low-to-moderate income and was part of historic redlining. This project should help stabilize the neighborhood and approve the walk and biking safety as well as improve the appearance of the neighborhood by taking portions of overinfrastructure street through a road diet to become safer for pedestrian uses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Representative Sharice Davids Member of Congress