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April 29, 2020

Ms. Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Letter of support for the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project,  
2020 BUILD Grant application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I strongly support the City of St. Charles's 2020 BUILD Grant application for the Bangert Island Riverfront Development Project (also known as Riverpointe). The project will create accessibility around the island by constructing approximately eight lane miles of new roads, new signals, new street lighting, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, transit improvements, green infrastructure, reconstructing the existing inadequate roadway infrastructure located along Arena Parkway which runs the perimeter of the project, and create storm water control and protection from the Missouri River.

Although this project is not identified in the region's current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the St. Louis region, will amend the TIP if the application is selected to receive funding through the 2020 BUILD Grant program.

The Council recognizes the importance of local priorities and the need to implement them. Given the present level of federal and state transportation funds available to the St. Louis region, it is unlikely that implementation of such an important project will proceed without an infusion of funds dedicated specifically to the project.

Sincerely,

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