

June 27, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington DC 20590

Dear Transportation Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the City of Saint Charles, please accept this letter as a show of support for the Bangert Island Riverfront Development project and BUILD Funding. The transportation investment in this project will transform the riverfront of Saint Charles into a center for economic prosperity, create multimodal transportation infrastructure, restore aquatic habitat and establish a water quality basin along the Missouri River.

I fully support the City of Saint Charles in their efforts to complete this project. The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors by granting them a destination like no other in this region of the United States. Assuming the project leaders will take steps to maintain the single track trail system on Bangert Island, create additional trails as needed and provide public kayak access, we would be interested in operating a business at the new development. We currently provide bicycle rentals for use on the Katy trail. With the BUILD development, we would be open to exploring expansion by adding additional bicycles, paddle boat and kayak rentals. This type of multimodal recreation sports would be a draw for our area for tourism.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation has the support of our entire legislative delegation, the Missouri House and Senate, the Governor, and our U.S. Senator and U.S. Congressman along with local business and community leaders.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project extends beyond the boundaries of Saint Charles. This project will provide our region with \$1.5 billion in new economic activity while attracting 4,000 new jobs. The project achieves these results while improving the environment by reducing pollutant loading entering the Missouri River and creating habitat for endangered species.

I ask that you consider this project for BUILD funding. Federal funding and cooperation will bring this project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jodi Devonshire & Tony Caruso
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