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August 20, 2020

Beth Dawson, Senior Land Use Planner
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Ms. Dawson,

The City of Gladstone, Missouri sends this letter to express our support of the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), a supporting program of the region's long-range transportation plan, *Connected KC 2050*. It is our opinion that PSP helps cities, such as ours, advance community plans to create more vibrant, sustainable, and connected corridors and centers.

MARC's utilization of Surface Transportation Program funding (in conjunction with both KDOT and MoDOT) to fund local community applications throughout the region furthers strategies such as complete and green streets and mobility hubs as outlined in *Connected KC 2050*. The projects allow cities and communities to engage stakeholders to develop area-specific sustainable planning and infrastructure projects. By ensuring each project fits within the context of more vibrant, connected and green places where successful, engaged and healthy people can enjoy strong communities in our region, MARC has reinforced the importance of establishing a long-term local vision that also corresponds with the efforts of neighboring communities.

It is our understanding that MARC will be submitting an application to both Kansas and Missouri for further funding of the Planning Sustainable Places program. We would encourage both states and the STP Priorities Committees to consider and fund your request.

The Planning Sustainable Places program has been helpful to communities in the region over the past eight years, it promises to be beneficial to the region over the long term and deserves continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wingerson", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wingerson
City Manager

August 26, 2020

Beth Dawson
Senior Land Use Planner
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway
Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Beth,

The City of Olathe sends this letter to express our support of the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), a supporting program of the region's long-range transportation plan, *Connected KC 2050*. It is our opinion that PSP helps cities, such as ours, advance community plans to create more vibrant, sustainable, and connected corridors and centers.

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In Olathe we have completed two PSP projects:

- 2015 South Cedar Creek Connectivity Plan led to design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connect downtown Olathe to Frisco Lakes Park, Indian Creek Trail, Olathe North High School, Olathe Community Center and Mahaffie Creek Greenway Trail. These designs have been incorporated into several street preservation projects which have expanded the pedestrian and bicycle network.
- 2020 Downtown Olathe Active Transportation Plan finalized the adoption of Complete Streets Guidelines. It built upon the Envision Olathe Downtown Plan and provided high level concepts for a connected network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to set the stage for implementation.

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Sincerely,

Mary K. Jaeger
Director of Public Works



City of Roeland Park

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4600 W. 51st Street
Roeland Park, KS 66205

August 20, 2020

Beth Dawson, Senior Land Use Planner
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Beth,

The City of Roeland Park sends this letter to express our support of the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), a supporting program of the region's long-range transportation plan, *Connected KC 2050*. It is our opinion that PSP helps cities, such as ours, advance community plans to create more vibrant, sustainable, and connected corridors and centers.

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Roeland Park employed the Planning Sustainable Places funding program to complete a citizen lead visioning process for two key corridors in our community. The result is a plan by our residents reflecting what they want the future to hold for these key areas.

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Keith Moody, City Administrator