

May 28, 2020

Marc Hansen  
Mid-America Regional Council  
600 Broadway, Suite 200  
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This letter is to support the City of Independence's application for Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-aside (STBG) funds for the 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Complete Streets project.

The Missouri Department of Transportation fully supports the City of Independence's STBG application for these improvements. This project will provide new sidewalks, pedestrian and signal upgrades along 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (MO 78). All transportation modes would be better served with improved connectivity between pedestrians and bicycles, to bus routes along the route. A complete sidewalk network will improve connectivity for all modes of transportation. A Complete Streets concept along 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (MO 78) would provide many benefits to the citizens of Independence, as well as provide economic development opportunities along the corridor.

Sincerely,

Matthew Killion, P.E.  
Area Engineer



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