

## INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 19, 2020

Marc Hansen Mid-America Regional Council 600 Broadway, Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64015

**RE: Truman & Winter Intersection Safety Improvements STP Application Support** 

Dear Mr. Hansen,

This letter is to express support for the City of Independence Surface Transportation Program Project application for the Truman & Winter Safety Improvements Project.

This project will greatly benefit our students by increasing safety for students boarding and off-loading buses but shifting buses off the state highway onto Winter Road. Students who walk to and from school will also be able to safely cross Truman Road when coming to and leaving school each day. As Van Horn's former Principal, I'm very familiar with this project and also understand the positive impact this project will create for the school and the surrounding community. Further, the intersection improvements will create a safer driving atmosphere for the young drivers who commute through the area each day. This project will benefit all our students as it incorporates improvements for bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and vehicular users.

The Independence School District is looking forward to the safe and connected benefits that will impact our students and community with the construction of this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Maglinger Assistant Superintendent Independence School District

### Athena Huynh

From: Matthew D. Killion < Matthew.Killion@modot.mo.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:44 PM

To: Athena Huynh

**Subject:** RE: Grants support letter request

Attachments: Independence STP Truman + Winner 5-20-20.docx

Athena, attached is the support letter you requested. Unfortunately, I am unable to sign (working from home and my printer is not working), so hopefully you can accept an unsigned version.

Thanks,

Matt Killion, P.E. MoDOT Area Engineer 600 NE Colbern Rd. Lee's Summit, MO 64086 (816)215-7274

From: Athena Huynh < AHuynh@indepmo.org >

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:52 AM

To: Matthew D. Killion < <a href="mailto:Matthew.Killion@modot.mo.gov">Matthew.Killion@modot.mo.gov</a>>

Subject: Grants support letter request

Good morning Matt,

The City of Independence is working on a Grant application for the Truman and Winner Intersection Safety Project from Mid- America Regional Council (MARC). We scored very high with the previous request in 2018 but the Grant ran out of money. We are trying again this year and hoping for the best.

I'm requesting a support letter from MoDOT for this project. Attached is previous support letter for your convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks



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May 20, 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 Program (STP) funds for improvements to the intersection of Truman Rd. (Route 12) and Winner Rd.

The Missouri Department of Transportation fully supports the City of Indpendence's STP application for these intersection improvements. MoDOT has participated in the recent studies funded by the City of Independence and MARC along this corridor, and believes the identified improvements will have a positive impact to the operational efficiency and safety at this intersection. The planned improvements will also provide better sidewalk and pedestrian connectivity for the students at Van Horn High School, and the public transit users in the area. In addition, the improvements are key to attracting new development and providing connectivity for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Matthew Killion, P.E. Area Engineer

