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April 15, 2014

U.S. Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Secretary Anthony Foxx  
1200 New Jersey Ave – SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Honorable Secretary Foxx:

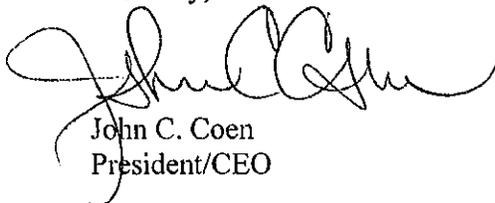
The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the City of Ottawa, Kansas' efforts of improving Davis Road in our community's industrial park to curb and gutter grade with sidewalk availability. The City has submitted a request for FY 2014 TIGER Grant funding for completion of this important project. This letter is to request favorable consideration of this grant request for the upgrades which will benefit many.

Since the inception of the industrial park in the 1960s, an elementary school has located in the same proximity. This along with high fuel prices, and employees which are committed to healthier lifestyles by walking to jobs, has created a need for sidewalks in order to increase safety – not only to pedestrians but also the drivers of the many forms of motorized vehicles which frequent industrial areas.

This organization representing many large and small employers in our Eastern Kansas community asks your help in funding this beneficial transportation corridor project of Ottawa's Northeast Industrial Park.

Thank you for your consideration – please contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



John C. Coen  
President/CEO



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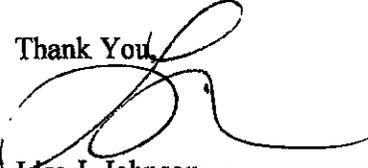
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Re: City of Ottawa, Kansas Submission for FY2014 TIGER Grant Funding

Honorable Secretary Foxx,

I am writing the following letter in support of the City of Ottawa, KS submission for FY 2014 TIGER grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Ottawa's submission for TIGER grant funding is for the crucial rebuild and expansion of Davis Road, the primary access road for Ottawa's Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park, and for the expansion of shared use bike and pedestrian pathways within the park. Reconstructing Davis Road and the installation of shared use pathways meets multiple needs within the park including a crucial need for better access and travel within the park for multiple modes of transportation. Additionally, the installation of shared use bike and pedestrian paths creates the ability for employees in the park and surrounding residents to have immediate access to new healthy lifestyle choices not currently available. In closing, your support for this grant application is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Bird, City of Ottawa Finance Director at (785) 229-3615.

Thank You,

  
Lisa J. Johnson  
County Administrator/Counselor

# NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

April 15, 2014

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Attn: Secretary Anthony Foxx  
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Honorable Secretary Foxx,

I am writing the following letter in support of the City of Ottawa, KS submission for funding of the completion of Davis Road improvements through FY 2014 TIGER grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In addition to providing significant long-term usability of the Davis Road project corridor this grant will also provide an opportunity for safer, more efficient travel within the industrial park to all types of transportation including automobiles, tractor-trailers, bicyclist and pedestrians.

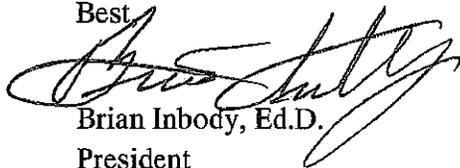
As a local community college with over 2,000 students in the Ottawa area, providing access to the campus is vitally important. These proposed improvements do just that. Our students and staff have also requested greater access to walking areas around the campus. This project accomplishes this as well.

This project also has the added benefit of improving health and wellbeing options for of industrial park employees, our thousands of college students, and the surrounding community.

In closing, I am supportive of any grant funds that can be used to improve the Davis Road corridor in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park.

If you have any questions regarding the Ottawa, KS TIGER grant submittal, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Bird, City of Ottawa Finance Director at (785) 229-3615.

Best,



Brian Inbody, Ed.D.

President

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Honorable Secretary Foxx:

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This funding provides significant long-term usability of the Davis Road project corridor. It will also provide safer, more efficient travel within the industrial park to all types of transportation including automobiles, tractor-trailers, bicyclist and pedestrians. This project has the added benefit of improving health and wellbeing options for of industrial park employees and the surrounding community by providing the safe areas for bicyclist and pedestrians.

It is without reservation that I support of any grant funds that can be used to improve the Davis Road corridor in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Jeanne Stroh Ed.D*

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April 16, 2014

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Honorable Secretary Foxx:

As president of Ottawa University, I am writing in support of the City of Ottawa, KS funding for the completion of Davis Road improvements through the fiscal year 2014 TIGER grant submission through your department.

There are many benefits to be considered, including but not limited to safety, more efficient travel within our local industrial park, economic impact through more attractive thorough fare appeal and effective routing of automobiles, tractor-trailers, cyclists and pedestrians. This will also enhance our City's ability to attract new industry and further improve the health and well being of our industrial park employees and that of the surrounding community.

As the fourth largest employer in our City, we strongly support awarding of funds for these improvements, and will greatly appreciate your consideration. The City of Ottawa Finance Director, Mr. Scott Bird, has more details and is more than capable of providing deeper rationale should that be desired. He can be reached at 785-229-3615.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Eichner".

Kevin C. Eichner  
President



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Honorable Secretary Foxx,

As the primary economic development entity for Ottawa and Franklin County, Kansas, it is my pleasure to write the following letter in support of Ottawa, Kansas's submission for FY 2014 U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Grant Funding.

Requested federal funds will dramatically offset the cost of reconstructing Davis Road, the primary industrial access road in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park (the largest single home to industrial business complexes in the County) and the construction of much needed ancillary bike and pedestrian transportation infrastructure in the industrial park.

Without receipt of these funds, it may be multiple years before these kinds of improvements can take place, risking the health and wellbeing of industrial park businesses and their employees.

Any consideration you are able to give to the funding of this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Seymour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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April 18, 2014

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Dear Honorable Secretary Foxx:

I am writing the following letter in support of the City of Ottawa, KS submission for funding of the completion of Davis Road improvements through FY 2014 TIGER grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Davis Road is an important corridor for our community from many perspectives. The most obvious benefit is for safer and more efficient travel to and within Ottawa's industrial park however this area also includes residences and a nearby school making it essential to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists as well as automobiles. A long-term solution addressing each of these equally important constituencies is badly needed.

This project also has the added benefit of improving health and well-being options for industrial park employees as well as the surrounding community. Our community is intent on encouraging and promoting a more active and healthy lifestyle for its residents and this funding can help ensure that happens in an area that currently isn't pedestrian or bicycle-friendly.

In closing, I am very supportive of any grant funds that can be used to improve the Davis Road corridor in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional feedback on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jeanny Sharp, editor and publisher

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We at Ransom Memorial Hospital have a mission to provide quality healthcare which also includes opportunities for improving the health and well being of our community. We fully support this grant request.

Thank you for allowing us to provide comment and thank you in advance for favorable consideration.

Best regards!

  
Alfredo Ontiveros, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer