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Kansas City Public Works

414 E 12th St
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026
To: Mid-America Regional Council
From: Kansas City Public Works Department
Subject: Request for Support – Reconnecting the East Side Project and Parkway Alternative

Dear Mid-America Regional Council Representatives:

The City of Kansas City, Missouri, respectfully requests that the Mid-America Regional Council consider supporting the Parkway Alternative being advanced as part of the Reconnecting the East Side project.

Reconnecting the East Side represents an important opportunity to address longstanding transportation challenges along the US-71 corridor while improving safety, multimodal access, mobility and connectivity for the communities it serves. The project also considers the relationship between transportation and broader issues affecting the corridor, including land use, economic development, housing, and community health.

Given MARC's regional perspective and role in transportation planning, the City values its participation and partnership as this work moves forward. We believe MARC's support would reinforce the importance of advancing an approach that balances regional mobility with improved local access, safety, and connectivity.

Enclosed is a draft Letter of Support for MARC's consideration. The draft is intended as a starting point, and we welcome any revisions MARC believes are appropriate to reflect its perspective and priorities. If MARC is comfortable with the final language, we respectfully request its signature in support of the Parkway Alternative and the continued advancement of the Reconnecting the East Side project.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request and for MARC's continued partnership with the City of Kansas City, Missouri. We appreciate your shared commitment to improving transportation and connectivity throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Jason Waldron
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Jason Waldron
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