



August 4, 2014

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: FTA Discretionary Grant Program Application
Ladders of Opportunity Initiative
KCATA Prospect Transit Improvements Initiative

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) is submitting an application for funding consideration under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Initiative. The local partner included in the application is the City of Kansas City, Missouri. The project is consistent with the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative's program goals to enhance access to work, provide more transportation choices, and support existing communities, economic opportunities and support partnerships.

KCATA is requesting \$1.2 Million of Section 5309 Ladders of Opportunity funds with a local match of \$300,000 for design and construction of transit improvements between 22nd St. and 27th St. on Prospect Ave. in Kansas City, Missouri. These improvements will facilitate access to recent investments in this corridor, improve access to the Prospect Avenue transit line and future BRT, and to connecting east-west bus routes on 27th Street and 23rd Street. The project includes concrete bus pads and bus pull offs, new curbs and sidewalks, ADA compliant bus stops, passenger benches and shelters, ADA compliant curb ramps and related improvements to support access, economic development and job creation.

The local match for the project will be provided by the City of Kansas City, Missouri and KCATA.

The Ladders of Opportunity Grant application has been prepared addressing the Department of Transportation's selection criteria and includes necessary supporting documents, background data and local share commitments.

If there are questions on any of these project applications, please contact Michael Graham at (816) 346-0304.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Huffer
General Manager

Cc: Mayor Sylvester (Sly) James, Jr.
City of Kansas City, Missouri

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