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Mr. Shoeb Uddin, City Engineer
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Dear Mr. Uddin:

I am pleased to announce that your Transportation Enhancement (TE) application for the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail has been selected for funding and will be included as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) TE Program. Your project is one of 15 projects selected from 62 applications this year.

The TE Program is important to Kansas communities, having funded more than 300 improvement projects totaling more than \$147 million in the last 17 years. However, the program faces a somewhat uncertain future as the Federal transportation funding bill expires next year and construction inflation continues to drive up project costs. Unfortunately, I suspect we won't see many additional Federal funds for this increasingly popular program, and KDOT will have to take a somewhat more conservative approach in selecting and scheduling TE projects in the future because of these uncertainties.

Your project has been programmed for FY2009, and KDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning will be contacting you with regard to getting the process underway. Please see the attached letter for further details regarding your project's funding.

I appreciate your application to the TE Program and intend to stay in touch with Kansas communities as discussions take place regarding the future of transportation funding at both the state and national level. If you have any questions regarding the TE Program, please contact Kaye Jordan-Cain.

Sincerely,


Deb Miller

Secretary of Transportation

Attachment