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Congressman Dennis Moore
1727 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Moore,

This letter is being sent to you from the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO) Staff to inform you that the extension of 31st Street between Haskell Avenue and O'Connell Road is identified in our region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as a needed improvement to the area's transportation system. Our MTP called the Transportation 2030-Lawrence/Douglas County Long Range Transportation Plan identifies several road improvements that are needed to improve connectivity and mobility in Douglas County, and improvements in this section of the 31st Street Corridor are one of those facilities that need to be improved. This project is also listed in the L-DC MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and was recently added to the 5-Year Plan of projects that Lawrence submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). All of our current regional transportation planning efforts support enhancements to east-west mobility along this corridor. The funding and construction of this roadway extension project within the near future is consistent with our area's transportation plans. The L-DC MPO Staff supports the efforts by the City of Lawrence to seek outside funds, including this request for federal assistance, to build this needed roadway connection.

The L-DC MPO Staff hopes that you can review this request for federal road building assistance and support our efforts to implement our regional transportation plan, and specifically support our efforts to obtain needed funds for this 31st Street Extension Project.

Sincerely,

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