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The Honorable Deb Miller  
Secretary of Transportation  
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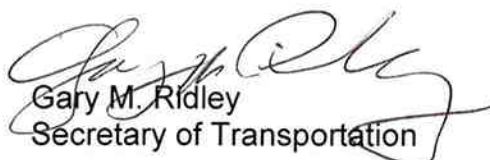
Dear Secretary Miller:

The Department is corresponding in reference to the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program as defined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. More specifically, we are writing in regard to the State of Kansas' preparation of a Track 3 Planning Application related to the study of the potential expansion of service from Newton to Oklahoma City.

We respectfully request that you consider this correspondence as an indication of our support for your Track 3 Application and of our commitment to provide coordination, resources and continuing support should you be successful in obtaining a Planning Grant. Further, the Department is also willing to provide a financial commitment of \$125,000 representing one half of the required 50% matching funding for the proposed \$500,000 Total Cost of the Planning Activity(s) as defined in your Application. Should you believe it necessary to have an interstate agreement in place or in progress prior to the submittal of your Application, we are prepared to work with you in order to expedite the formalization of our funding commitment.

Thank you again for providing the Department with the opportunity to coordinate with and support the State of Kansas in this endeavor. Please feel free to call on us at your convenience should you have questions or comments or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Gary M. Ridley  
Secretary of Transportation