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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Michael Regan, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

On behalf of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), I commit our support for the City of Goddard's Pedestrian Bridge Project. KDOT is dedicated to supporting multimodal projects for local communities, including pathways for cyclists and pedestrians.

Goddard is applying for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program for their Pedestrian Bridge project. The project consists of the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over US-54/400 between 183rd Street and 199th Street to serve as a connecting link in the city's active transportation network by crossing a major highway barrier that divides the community. This project will drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve carbon sinks by providing a transportation alternative for the 20,000 daily vehicles utilizing the location for travel.

The project will provide significant benefits including:

- Reduced GHG emissions from decreased numbers of idling vehicles and as a result of mode shifts from personal vehicles to active transportation,
- Improved crossing safety by separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicular traffic,
- Reduced vehicle dependency through dedicated bicycle and pedestrian connections to expand the local active transportation network

KDOT anticipates making westward improvements to US-54/400 in the coming decades. Based on a review of these future improvements along US-54/400, the approximate location for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge is 0.2 miles west of 183rd Street. Therefore, this project considers future design plans and constructs the bicycle/pedestrian bridge in a location that meets existing multimodal needs without compromising the future of the US-54/400 project. KDOT is committed to this valuable project, and I hope it will receive the critical funding and resources needed to advance this effort.

Sincerely,

Calvin Reed  
Secretary of Transportation  
Director of Kansas Turnpike Authority