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Kansas City, MO 64106-2896

RE: Turkey Creek Project Modification
Letter of Support for Recommended Increase of Project Cost

Dear COL Sexton:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the recommended cost increases to the Turkey Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project. We understand our role as the Local Sponsor, along with the City of Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO) as the other Local Sponsor, will be to provide the 35% cost share of the National Economic Development (NED) Plan. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS (UG) supports the modification of the project to increase the total project cost.

We understand that the recommended total project cost has increased to $145,000,000 and we are prepared to have the financial capabilities to support our increased project contributions. We believe that the additional costs are justified based on the unforeseen changes during design and construction. These have included unknown tunnel conditions, soil quality in levee path, and additional utility and railroad relocation fees. We understand that the our portion of the local sponsor cost share includes local acquisition or provisions of all cash, lands, easements, rights of way, relocations, and disposal areas (LEERD) and that land values are based upon the appraised fair market value. The UG understands that ownership, operation and maintenance of the project after construction, and the acceptance of work are the Local Sponsor's responsibility.

The flood threat associated with Turkey Creek is a serious risk to loss of life, as well as, a severe economic impact to the area. We desire to move forward with the recommended project as expeditiously as possible and we firmly express the need for project completion in order to realize the benefits. We look forward to continuing our strong and successful relationship with the Corps of Engineers and the City of Kansas City, MO on this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Tobin- Director of Public Works