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Mr. Kevin Keith, P.E.
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The Honorable Steve Ehlmann
St. Charles County Executive
Executive Office Building
100 North Third Street, Suite 318
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Mr. Keith and County Executive Ehlmann:

The City of Weldon Spring fully supports the completion of Missouri Route 364 (Page Avenue). It is my understanding that MoDOT and St. Charles County are seeking to secure a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant and the intent of this letter is to aid them in this effort. It is critical to our region that the final phases of Missouri Route 364 are funded and completed in short order.

As you are aware the Missouri Route 364 will complete a missing link in the region's transportation network, which has been planned and supported by local, regional, and state transportation authorities for 40 years. The completion of this project will:

- Reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions on Interstate 70, a transcontinental highway, and Interstate 64;
- Enhance mobility to and from economically distressed areas by improving transportation choices;

- Provide motorists with an alternative route during inspection and maintenance of the other Missouri River bridges;
- Enhance system operations when the deck on the Missouri River bridge on Interstate 70 is replaced (\$70 million, scheduled in 2012) and during the bridge replacement on Interstate 64 (planned);
- Provide a freeway connector from Interstate 270 to Interstate 64;
- Facilitate more efficient freight movement on Interstate 70;
- Provide better access for the region's employment pool to employment opportunities and retraining facilities; and
- Foster long term economic growth in underutilized properties.

Thank you for your dedication and support in helping to move St. Charles County, the state of Missouri and our Nation forward!

Sincerely,



Donald D. Licklider
Mayor

Cc: Melinda Kwiatkowski, City Clerk