April 2, 2020

Mr. Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
The Honorable Joe Cronin, Council District # 1  
The Honorable Joe Brazil, Council District # 2  
The Honorable Mike Elam, Council District # 3  
The Honorable Dave Hammond, Council District # 4  
The Honorable Terry Hollander, Council District # 5  
The Honorable Nancy Schneider, Council District #6  
The Honorable John White, Council District # 7

Dear County Executive and Council Members:

The attached cost share agreement with MoDOT will allow for the construction of improvements to I-70 from Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Road.

The County’s half cent transportation sales tax contribution of $10 million will match the MoDOT cost share contribution of $10 million. It should be noted that the County is also making an upfront payment of $7.5M for MoDOT’s cost share contribution as the agreement notes in section 9D. The agreement states that “the Commission will reimburse the Entity two million five hundred thousand ($2,500,000) each year when Cost Share funds are available in State Fiscal Year 2022, State Fiscal Year 2023 and State Fiscal Year 2024 but no earlier than August 1, through project number J6I3337Z, regardless of funding levels.” We believe that the acceleration of these funds is warranted for this valuable project with will result in reliability, safety and economic benefits for the region.

Additionally, the St. Louis district is contributing $40,228,404 and has secured $2,088,596 in FHWA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds.

The total funding of $62,427,000 is expected to complete the outer roadway north of I-70 and make significant improvements to the Cave Springs, Zumbehl, and First Capitol interchanges.

Please contact me at 636-949-7490 or abrauer@sccmo.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amanda Brauer