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To whom it concerns,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Kansas City Art Institute, we wish to extend our support of the expansion of the Downtown Streetcar starter line.

We believe the streetcar alignment extension proposed along Main Street will be a positive economic catalyst for area businesses, tourism and provide easy, accessible transportation for connecting downtown to midtown Kansas City.

It has been discussed, and promoted, that the expansion would benefit students at the University of Missouri- Kansas City, and we believe that students at the Kansas City Art Institute would find equal benefit. We currently have students from 35 states and 7 countries, many of whom do not have viable transportation. The streetcar expansion would address their needs and ability to enjoy the broader aspects that our City has to offer.

We are confident that the streetcar's next phase will be an important feature to improve the transportation needs for area residents and visitors to the cultural and educational institutions along the Main Street Corridor. KCAI supports the expansion to continue Kansas City's multi-modal transit developments, and is committed to assisting with its integration into the corridor.

Sincerely yours,

Pat McCown

Chairman of the Board Kansas City Art Institute