December 3, 2014

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

The bi-state US Army Corps of Engineers Turkey Creek Flood Control Project in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri is incredibly important for our community. The Rosedale neighborhood has struggled with flooding for decades, and the flood control work that has been completed is vital to our neighborhood's economic and social future.

Rosedale Development Association is the non-profit organization serving the Rosedale neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas. We work with businesses, residents and local government to create a healthy community for all who live, work or play in Rosedale.

Please support an increase in the total cost of the Turkey Creek Flood Control Project to $145.3 million. Unforeseen changes during design and construction activities have occurred, including but not limited to, differing site conditions, additional utility relocations, and additional relocation requirements from the railroad companies to facilitate continued railroad operations during construction. These modifications have caused cost and schedule increases.

Specific major items include the unknown expanse of the tunnel cavitation and erosion, additional requirements set forth by BNSF to relocate the two bridges, and differing site conditions.

Now is not the time to consider dropping the ball on US Army Corps of Engineers Turkey Creek Flood Control Project. Please, maintain this vital funding for a few more years to ensure the project’s completion.

I would be happy to speak with you about your concerns or questions. I can be reached at 913-677-5097 or by email at heidi@rosedale.org.

Sincerely,

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