Office of Acquisition and Grants Management

Federal Highway Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE

Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear XXXXXX:

On behalf the Mississippi River Parkway Commission, this letter signifies support for \_\_[state]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Scenic Byway grant application for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[name of grant application]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_project.

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC) is a nonprofit organization promoting, preserving and enhancing the Great River Road as a National Scenic Byway in all 10 states and as an All-American Road in 8 of the Mississippi River states. We have a mission to serve these byway states as they assist travelers seeking to learn about and appreciate the Mississippi River, America’s greatest river from the Headwaters of Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana. Inherent in that mission is the priority role of Mississippi River communities and the economic benefits tourism infrastructure can have for them.

In \_\_[state]\_\_\_\_\_\_, as in the other nine river states, the Great River Road is a popular travel destination and a key driver of the economy for communities along the river. The \_\_\_[project name]\_\_\_\_\_\_ project will improve travel on the road and to the river in that state. In addition, MRPC supports \_\_\_[state’s]\_\_\_\_ National Scenic Byway program grant application for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it will help a larger audience learn more by traveling Great River Road in [state], and it will enhance the ability of the Great River Road to be a destination unto itself, as well as increase traveler access to intrinsic American values present in the area.

MRPC supports [state’s] \_\_\_\_ grant application, without exclusion of any of the other Mississippi River states’ applications seeking to enhance the Great River Road or an amenity on it.

Sincerely,

The MRPC Board of Directors