



March 4, 2025

Representative Sharice Davids
Senator Jerry Moran
Senator Roger Marshall
VIA E-MAIL

Dear Representative Davids, Senator Moran, and Senator Marshall:

I am writing to follow-up on my letter of January 28, 2025 related to OMB Memo M-25-13, "Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs," dated January 27, 2025. While we have been able to confirm the status of a portion of the more than \$8.3 million in estimated federal grant and loan funding previously secured by the City of Mission, Kansas, significant uncertainty remains.

In my January correspondence, I highlighted our City's immediate concerns regarding the \$6.0 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant funding for the rehabilitation of Johnson Drive in 2026. Since 2022 we have been planning for this significant road rehabilitation project of Johnson Drive from Lamar to Metcalf, a major arterial in our community. Coming from the west, Johnson Drive is the entry point into Mission from larger neighboring Overland Park and much of the Kansas City metro via US 69. It is the critical "downtown" corridor for our small, land-locked city. Johnson Drive moves an estimated 15,000+ people into and through Mission everyday, supporting our local businesses. The funding uncertainty, especially in light of the nearly \$1.0 million already expended for the project, causes great concern on when or how we might be able to move forward with this key investment for our community.

I have attached a summary identifying all of the current federal grants and loans in progress for the City of Mission. Of the \$8.3 million noted, we have only been able to definitively confirm the availability of \$246,400 (3%) of the total. You will see that the programs, projects and services cross all departments and are intended to serve not only our Mission residents and businesses, but the larger region as well.

I continue to urge you to do everything within your power to solidify the Congressionally designated funds and to remove the uncertainty local governments throughout the State of Kansas are facing. Please feel free to share any ways in which your constituents in the City of Mission can best articulate their concerns to ensure a favorable outcome in support of these important programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sollie Flora".

Mayor Sollie Flora
Mission, Kansas