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Mr. Jim Schmidt
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Local Roads
1590 Woodlake Drive
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-5712

**RE: City of Clayton
Clayton Pedestrian Enhancement Project
Federal Project No. STP-5438(607)
Letter of Public Interest Finding
CDG Project No. 11073**

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of the City of Clayton, CDG Engineers hereby requests approval of a finding in the public interest to use Precast Planters manufactured by Classic Garden Ornaments, Ltd. Longshadow Planters for the Clayton Pedestrian Enhancement project.

This project is a continuation of the City's Central Business District Streetscape Improvements. The City plans to improve pedestrian safety along Bonhomme Ave., S. Meramec Ave., S. Central Ave., and Shaw Park Dr. by removing and replacing sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible ramps, streetlights, and street trees.

The City requests that these Precast Planters be used for the following reason:

1. The City desires to maintain consistency throughout the Central Business District by matching existing streetscape improvements.

Approval of this request at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. This project is scheduled for a January 2013 bid opening.

Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at 314-446-3527 or rieck@cdgenengineers.com. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

CDG Engineers Architects Planners, Inc.

Daniel J. Rieck, E.I.T.
Assistant Project Manager

I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

Kathryn P. Harvey, State Design Engineer

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____