

April 8, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: BUILD Grant Application – Highway 14 Corridor Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to offer my full support of the Highway 14 Corridor BUILD Transportation Grant application that the City of Marshalltown, is submitting. A project that addresses the safety of an Iowa community and increases economic vitality is a project I want to see come to fruition.

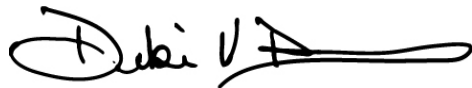
The portion of Highway 14 that runs through Marshalltown's downtown district, which is part of Main Street Iowa, has seen multiple accidents and has raised safety concerns. These issues will be a large focus of the Highway 14 Corridor project. I support this project due to the economic vitality goals this project addresses, which are the following:

1. Develop a proactive approach to drive new businesses
2. Target businesses and services that are unique and have an existing demand
3. Create incentives for reinvestment within the community

I have seen the great work the City of Marshalltown has done in the recent years and their continued initiatives to recover from the tornado in 2018 which has included financial support from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. This project will continue to advance Marshalltown's recovery efforts and enhance the community for future growth. With all of the work already invested, it is evident that this grant is crucial for the success of the next steps that will push the community forward.

Supporting this project with a BUILD Transportation Grant will be a great investment for your department and the state of Iowa. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Director  
Iowa Economic Development Authority  
Iowa Finance Authority