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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
US 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 the City of Marshalltown is submitting. Marshalltown is a community in recovery following an EF-3 tornado in 2018. My administration has invested in the future quality of life of the community with State disaster assistance, grants to rebuild the historic downtown, and tax credits to rebuild housing for low-income residents. The proposed project builds upon the State of Iowa's investment by further enhancing the quality of life in an area impacted by the tornado and by partnering with the Iowa Department of Transportation to make safety enhancements along a busy state highway.

I appreciate the thoughtfulness and innovation of Marshalltown officials to look into the future and see a simple resurfacing project planned by the Iowa Department of Transportation along Highway 14 as an opportunity for change. In 2017, the City of Marshalltown invested in a planning process to ensure that a once-in-a-generation State project became a transformative opportunity for economic growth along the Highway 14 Corridor. The opportunity for additional commercial businesses, along with enhanced quality of life for residents and safety for all Corridor users, provides a shining example of how state highways in a city setting can be used as a catalyst for growth.

I have seen the great work the City of Marshalltown has done in the recent years, and I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to make an investment in a recovering community destined for future growth, just as the State of Iowa has done. We value partnerships that enhance our state and transportation network and see this project as a positive example of what partnerships with the State of Iowa can lead to. I appreciate your consideration of Marshalltown's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds,

Governor of the State of Iowa