

April 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: BUILD Grant Application – Highway 14 Corridor Project in Marshalltown, Iowa

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am submitting this letter to show our support of the BUILD Transportation Grant application the City of Marshalltown is submitting to make improvements to the Highway 14 Corridor. This project is vital to improve the safety for users of the Highway 14 corridor and is a joint effort between the City of Marshalltown and the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

The Highway 14 Corridor serves as a major arterial roadway into and through the City of Marshalltown used by residents, visitors, and employees. In a traffic study we conducted in 2015, this corridor was identified as a candidate for a 4- to 3-lane conversion. This conclusion was made based on analysis of left-turn conflicts, numerous access points, and relatively low average annual daily traffic numbers. Additionally, this corridor is above the state average for number and severity of crashes. Crash history from 2013-2017 shows the following for this corridor:

- 221 reported crashes
- 75 crashes causing injury
- 1 crash causing fatality
- \$1,281,231 in property damage
- \$5,797.43 average cost per crash

All the information collected from the study and the analysis of crash data document the importance of this project which is why Iowa DOT will also be contributing financially to this project. We support the City with their initiatives and hope they are able to get funding assistance through this BUILD Transportation Grant application to cover the remaining costs.

I am pleased to support the City of Marshalltown's BUILD Grant application for the Highway 14 Corridor project. This project will provide improvements in both safety and quality of life for the region.

Sincerely,



Scott C. Marler, Director