



May 5, 2020

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 – City of Marshalltown, Iowa

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, has seen multiple accidents and has raised safety concerns. These issues will be a large focus of the Highway 14 Corridor project. Implementing changes to protect our residents and visitors through our communities is something that we must focus on, which is a significant reason I support this project. Another reason I support this project is all of the economic vitality components that will be included. The three goals that will be addressed in order to achieve economic vitality include:

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 that the City of Marshalltown has done in the recent years and their continued initiatives to recover from the tornado in 2018. This project will only continue to advance their efforts in recovering and improve the City for future growth. With all of the work that the City has already invested in, it is evident that this grant is crucial for the success of the next step forward for the City of Marshalltown. Supporting this project with a BUILD Transportation Grant will be a great investment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marty Wymore", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marty Wymore, AICP  
Director