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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant Application – Marshalltown Iowa –
“Puerta de Marshalltown” the Highway 14 Corridor Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Marshall County Board of Supervisors, please accept this letter to show our support of the RAISE Transportation Grant application being submitted by the City of Marshalltown. Marshalltown is located in Marshall County and Highway 14 is a primary corridor extending through our County. We are very familiar with the needs Marshalltown has and the proposed improvements to the Highway 14 Corridor will have a significant impact on this community as well as our entire County by improving the transportation network.

As the northern gateway or door to Marshalltown, the naming of this project, Puerta de Marshalltown, symbolizes the strong, diverse community that lies ahead. A community that has persevered through an EF-3 tornado in 2018, COVID-19 and a 2020 Derecho wind event, with the goal of rebuilding and strengthening the community. The Highway 14 Corridor serves as one of the primary gateways into the City of Marshalltown. This major arterial roadway provides a key connection to the City’s downtown and runs directly through the heart of the community reaching residential, commercial and industrial properties.

This project not only improves transportation safety for the residents, employees, and visitors by providing the appropriate driving lanes and sidewalks, it also enhances the quality of life attributes that excite people about living in a community such as aesthetic streetscape improvements and improved access to amenities and services. Marshalltown is a designated Iowa Great Place community and projects such as this one, contribute to providing economic development opportunities which rely on quality infrastructure. Marshalltown is dedicated to improving the corridor with a focus on sustainability and resiliency. A recent EPA Brownfields Assessment grant was awarded to the City which will include an assessment and planning focus on this corridor. The coordination of State and Federal programs to improve the community is something that Marshalltown excels at and supporting this RAISE application will aid in the ongoing recovery efforts.

As the City of Marshalltown continues to rebuild from multiple disasters in a three-year period, we are proud to recommend that this project be selected for RAISE funding.

If you have questions, please contact:

Sincerely,

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