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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 – Highway 14 Corridor Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter of support with respect to the RAISE grant application being submitted by the City of Marshalltown for the Highway 14 Corridor RAISE Transportation Grant program. Highway 14 is a major component of the community's transportation network, making the roadway's function and access vital for the economic growth in downtown Marshalltown and the entire community.

The Marshalltown Central Business District (MCBD) is a Main Street Iowa Program and has been actively involved in recent planning projects including the Marshalltown Downtown Master Plan, Highway 14 Corridor and Downtown Implementation Plan. The MCBD represents downtown businesses and property owners and has a long history of partnering with the City of Marshalltown.

Downtown Marshalltown has faced numerous challenges between the tornado, derecho and COVID-19 pandemic. Recent work has included façade improvements to downtown buildings and upper-story housing renovations. Main Street and State Street are major east/west corridors through Downtown, and have multiple open areas for development due to the disaster damage. These areas are directly adjacent to the Highway 14 Corridor, and present a major redevelopment opportunity.

Marshalltown is committed to the safe, accessible function of the transportation network, but also for the future economic expansion on and off of the Highway 14 Corridor. Marshalltown is a community committed to building back better following multiple years of disasters, and a RAISE grant award is necessary to make this happen. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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MCBD Executive Director