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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the City of Oskaloosa's Oskaloosa Bypass Planning Study BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Eddyville enthusiastically supports the City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County's application for funding through the US Department of Transportation's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program.

The BUILD-supported planning study will allow the City of Oskaloosa, Mahaska County in partnership with the Mahaska Chamber and Development Group to prepare a plan that will evaluate the safety and capacity of the corridor, enhance safe and efficient freight transport avoiding urban areas, improve response times for emergency vehicles to essential services - including healthcare providers, provide a safer route for students from the William Penn University, and will bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, supporting both increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes.

As mayor of Eddyville, I am are pleased to support the City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County's BUILD Grant application for the **Oskaloosa Bypass Planning Study**. Eddyville is home to the Iowa Bioprocessing Center which houses the second largest Cargill facility in North America as well as international companies such as Ajinomoto and Wacker. This project is important to the economic vitality of the region; it will improve the quality of life and allow the City and Mahaska County to improve the condition of key infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Doug Greenlee
Mayor, Eddyville