

July 31, 2020

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:

Nutrien Ag Solutions 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.

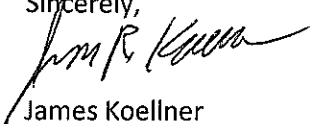
Nutrien Ag Solutions is the retail division of Nutrien Ltd., the world's largest crop inputs company. We provide full-acre solutions through a network of trusted crop consultants at more than 1,700 global locations. We help growers achieve the highest yields with the most sustainable solutions possible. This ultimately leads to the success of not only our growers but to the success of the agriculture community's economic flourishing which we do business in. A strong transportation network is imperative to our success and the safety of our employees and our neighbors in the communities we travel through to do business. Currently our goods for the most part are being transported through residential neighborhoods due to the location of our plant and the final destination of the goods that are being applied in the rural community. By completing the planning study to develop bypasses along the east side of the City of Oskaloosa will ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods for decades to come.

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 previously stated, For Nutrien Ag Solutions specifically, the BUILD-supported project will provide safer, more convenient, and much more efficient connectivity between our facility and the destination of the products we sell and the farm ground we apply them to.

We are pleased to support the City of Oskaloosa and Mahaska County's BUILD Grant application for the **Oskaloosa Bypass Planning Study**. 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,



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