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Property Management - Construction Services - Maintenance & Landscaping

March 27, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express support for the City of Bloomington, Illinois' application for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund improvements to the Hamilton Road East-West Gap project. The Hamilton Gap will connect the final portion of a 7.2-mile east-west corridor that has been developed over the course of three decades, safely and efficiently connecting rural communities and the City's residents on the southwest side to jobs and various other businesses and services.

The project will provide safer, easier roadway travel, especially at the U.S. 150, Rhodes Lane, and Norfolk Southern Railroad confluence with reduced traffic load on the Interstate 55 Business route (Veterans Parkway).

In addition, the project will facilitate multi-modal travel by connecting the Constitution Trail multi-use path along the route, and create the potential for more safe and efficient mass transit connections.

Finally, the project will boost economic development opportunities in the project area, enhancing access to existing employers and sparking new development along the completed Hamilton Road corridor.

Bloomington is at the crossroads of 3 major interstate corridors, connecting with Indianapolis and the Quad Cities on Interstate 74, Chicago to St. Louis on Interstate 55, and Interstate 39 to Madison Wisconsin. The City is home to State Farm Insurance, ranked 36<sup>th</sup> on the Fortune 500, Country Financial, Illinois Wesleyan University, and a diverse group of businesses and residents.

Please give full and fair consideration to the City of Bloomington's application. If you require additional information, please contact Mike Hundman 309-808-2125.

Sincerely,

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Mike Hundman

Owner-Core 3 Property Management Company



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Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of Core 3 Property Management, I am writing to express support for the City of Bloomington's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to complete the City's priority East-West corridor- Hamilton Road. The application requests \$5.325 million to complete the Hamilton Road corridor, safely connecting rural communities and the City's residents on the southwest side to jobs, retail and dining opportunities, and recreational assets throughout Bloomington.

This project will mitigate congestion, enhance safety and reduce maintenance needs on the transportation system while improving quality of life and enhancing the area's economic opportunities. As a result of the project, the City will close three at-grade crossings in the City and close an unsafe intersection that is a 5% accident location (Rhodes Lane/Morrissey Drive). The project will also result in the completion of Constitution Trail, a multiuse facility, filling an existing gap in the trail and connecting residents and tourists alike to jobs, retail and dining opportunities and recreational assets.

Given the local commitment and the many public benefits associated with this project, I strongly urge you to award a BUILD grant to help Bloomington improve safety and grow American jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mike Hundman  
Owner