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Office of the Secretary of Transportation, USDOT  
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants)

Greetings,

On behalf of Progressive Rehabilitation Associates, LLC, I would like to offer my full support of the Highway 38 Improvements project and the BUILD grant that the City of Tipton is applying for to help pay for this critical project. As a City business partner, we value any project which enhances the quality of life in the community because that attracts and retains employees.

The Highway 38 Improvements project will:

- increase pedestrian and motorist safety
- eliminate or reduce flooding and improve wastewater collection and treatment
- improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity with important points-of-interest and recreational opportunities
- strengthen fire-protection capabilities
- enhance streetscapes and encourage cleanup and other development

Progressive Rehabilitation Associates (“PRA”) has been a part of the Tipton community since 1991. We currently offer physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, massage therapy, athletic training, and health/wellness coaching for the residents of Tipton and all of Cedar County. On average, PRA – Tipton sees approximately 600 patients and clients per month. With our current location on Highway 38, it would be incredibly beneficial for there to be better lighting, easier walking trails/sidewalks, and overall better safety for all of our patients who require our services.

The Highway 38 Improvements project represents a planned-out priority, is supported by diverse partners, and most importantly the project is design- and shovel-ready with all required approvals obtained and cash match ready to use. For these reasons, I encourage you to support this application and assist the City of Tipton and its partners in becoming a major regional engine of economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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