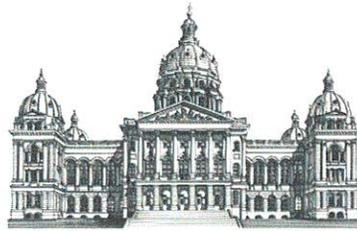


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Office of the Secretary of Transportation, USDOT
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants)

Greetings,

As the State Representative for Cedar County, 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 partner, I value any project which enhances connectivity within the community as it surely leads to increased economic opportunity as well as improved quality of life. I also want to note that the project funds a trail that is in honor of the first two service members who gave their lives in Afghanistan. I can think of no better use of tax dollars than to honor those two brave men.

I have worked with the folks that would be in charge of administering this grant for over seven years and they are among the best in the state.

The Highway 38 Improvements project will:

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

You will see in the grant application, that the Highway 38 Improvements project represents a planned-out priority and is supported by diverse partners who are eager to move forward with implementation. For these reasons, I encourage you to support this application and assist the City of Tipton and its partners in continuing the momentum to become a major regional engine of economic growth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Kaufmann".

Representative Bobby Kaufmann