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Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao:

Consideration for the BUILD grant for the year of 2020. We are planning a complete rebuild of State Highway 38 that goes through the middle of Tipton IA from the North to South. The planning for this project has spanned the better part of two years. We have gotten the opportunity to work closely with our state and county officials. This collaboration has led to a great sense of collaboration between all levels of government.

This project has allowed Tipton to focus on repairing and modernizing our current infrastructure. We have also taken the initiative to factor in items that will help look to the future. We have been able to integrate opportunities for our citizens to maintain healthy lives and in some cases begin new healthy habits by using the new bike and walking trails. We are currently looking to develop an extensive trail plan that these trails would connect to. We have also been able to look to the future of technology and lay down conduit along the Highway 38 corridor for fiber optics. The laying of this cable will provide Tipton with the opportunity to stay on the cutting edge of technology.

The teamwork that has had to happen to allow this project to get this has been massive. From the Tipton City Council all the way up to the State of Iowa DOT, we have all worked in a cohesive manner that will benefit not only the citizens of Tipton, but logistics companies that use Highway 38 will benefit as well. Our local committees and boards have been able to add insight that benefits our community.

The State Highway 38 project planned for 2021 is a project that has helped build a sense of collaboration and teamwork between multiple levels of government. This project will help the City of Tipton and the region by allowing to develop a trail system. The project will help the region by updating old infrastructure and virtually guarantee no disruptions for traffic in the future.

Best Regards,



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Mayor of Tipton