

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1502
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The Honorable Elaine Chao
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants); City of Tipton Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

Please accept this letter of support for the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Grant application submitted by the City of Tipton for the Highway 38 Improvements project. I have seen firsthand how important projects such as this leads to increased economic opportunity as well as improved quality of life for the residents of Tipton and the greater Eastern Iowa area.

I understand that the Highway 38 Improvements project will provide a number of critical improvements designed to increase pedestrian and motorist safety, enhance streetscapes, and encourage cleanup. The project will spur economic growth by improving pedestrian and recreational connectivity with important community points-of-interest and recreational opportunities. It will also increase safety by strengthening fire-protection capabilities and improve flood mitigation capacity. Additionally, the project's proposed memorial trail will be named in honor of the first two Tipton servicemembers to lose their lives in Afghanistan. I believe that our roads, trails, and bridges can serve as roots to remember our past and grow into the future, and Tipton's Highway 38 Improvements project exemplifies this ideal.

In keeping with the Department of Transportation's mission, this project will provide a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation system that will benefit the residents of this community and its surrounding area now and into the future. I strongly support the City of Tipton's BUILD Grant application as this project is regionally and locally significant, will create jobs, improve safety, and contribute to a competitive and robust economy. Thank you in advance for giving this grant proposal your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebsock
Member of Congress