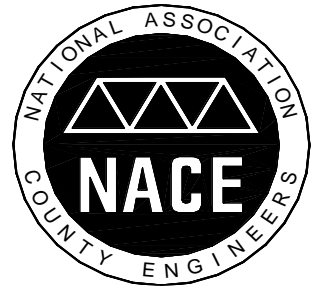


IOWA COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



Visit the ICEA Service Bureau at www.iceasb.org

President

Paul Geilenfeldt

Marshall County Engineer
101 East Church Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Office: 641-754-6343

pgeilenfeldt@marshallcountvia.gov

Vice-President

Brian Keierleber

Buchanan County Engineer
1511 1st St E
Independence, IA 50644-3123
Office: 319-334-6031

engineer@co.buchanan.ia.us

Secretary

Andrew McGuire

Keokuk/Mahaska County Engineer
1301 East Jackson Street
Sigourney, IA 52591
Office: 641-622-2610

amcguire@keokukcounty.iowa.gov

Financial Secretary

Greg Parker

Johnson County Engineer
4810 Melrose Ave. W.
Iowa City, IA 52246-9401
319-356-6046
FAX 319-339-6133

gparker@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Past President - 2022

Catherine Nicholas

Black Hawk County Engineer
316 E. 5th St., Suite 211
Waterloo, IA 50703-4774
319-833-3008
FAX 319-833-3139

cnicholas@blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov

Affiliated with:



August 14, 2023

Pete Buttigieg

United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 MPDG Opportunity: Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Guthrie County's application, and on behalf of Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties, for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity. The MPDG funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned multimodal improvements on a network of projects, consisting of six rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. This investment across the six rural Iowa counties will enhance safety, quality of life, and economic viability of these communities, the region, and the state.

Iowa's agriculture industry has continued to be a leader in crop and livestock production and is the largest contributor to its economy. The existing infrastructure along the project corridor is in poor condition causing many problems for the roadway users, freight haulers, and businesses, including safety, damage to vehicles and cargo because of the rough pavement, drainage issues, and accessibility issues for pedestrians due to badly deteriorating sidewalks and lack of accessible walkways. This project will prioritize the safety of human life and improve the resiliency of infrastructure, resulting in a cohesive network of multimodal alternatives that support diverse community needs.

The Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) is comprised of dedicated professionals responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance of Iowa's county road systems. We are particularly impressed by the comprehensive approach that these projects adopt, focusing not only on road reconstruction or rehabilitation but also on integrating high impact multimodal improvements and making the rural infrastructure compatible with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This forward-thinking strategy mirrors our commitment to creating transportation corridors that cater to the diverse needs of our citizens and promote sustainable modes of travel. Investing in a network of Farm-to-Market projects across Iowa will enhance a steady supply of healthy, affordable food choices for consumers across the United States while boosting local, regional, and state economies. The completion of safety and multimodal improvements along the project corridor will also strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

I support Guthrie County's application for the funding of Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 MPDG funding proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 641-754-6343 (office) or 641-750-1387 (mobile). Also, my email address is pgeilenfeldt@marshallcountya.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Geilenfeldt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Geilenfeldt

President - Iowa County Engineers Association
Marshall County Engineer