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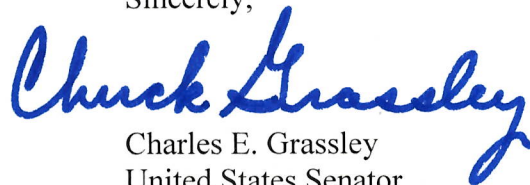
Lindsey Schroeder
Grants Coordinator
Iowa County Engineer's Association Service Bureau
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Dear Ms. Schroeder:

I have contacted Secretary Buttigieg, of the U.S. Department of Transportation, regarding the 2023 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program application being submitted by Guthrie County, in partnership with Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties, to facilitate completion of six rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. I asked that this application be given all due consideration. Should I receive a response from the U.S. Department of Transportation, I will relay any helpful information to you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance to you. If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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August 17, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 MPDG Opportunity: Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects

Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity application for Guthrie County and on behalf of Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties in Iowa. 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 our 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 the lack of accessible walkways. This project will prioritize the safety of our citizens and improve the resiliency of infrastructure, resulting in a cohesive network of multimodal alternatives that support diverse community needs.

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.

The State of Iowa supports Guthrie County's application for the funding of Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects and looks forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. I urge your sincere and full consideration of these projects for a MPDG investment in rural Iowa and appreciate the opportunity to express this support.

Sincerely,



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1504

August 29, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today in support of Guthrie County's application to the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity. This application submitted by Guthrie County and the Iowa County Engineer's Association's application is on behalf of six counties in Iowa. Webster County lays in my congressional district.

If awarded, this grant will be administered by Iowa's Department of Transportation as part of Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network. As you know, agriculture is the backbone of Iowa's economy. Iowa farmers feed and fuel the world as leaders when it comes to egg, corn, soybean, beef, hog, turkey, and biofuel production. These same producers rely on sound roadways to get their product to market. However, heavy traffic on our roadways leave room for the need of infrastructure repairs. Without safe roadways our food supply chain becomes at risk.

This project will address deteriorating road pavement, drainage issues, and pedestrians' needs along these roadways. Food security is national security. We must continue to upkeep our farm to market infrastructure to ensure our nation may remain safe at home. It is for these reasons, within your rules and regulations, I respectfully ask that you give this application your full consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 225-4426 or my District Director Emily Schwickerath at (515) 408-9097.

God Bless America,



Randy Feenstra

MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS, M.D.
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August 8, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to you regarding the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity from Guthrie, Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties in Iowa to complete long-planned improvements to six rural Farm-to-Market County road projects. While these counties do not fall within my congressional district, the benefits will be seen in surrounding counties which are in my district. Please give their application all due consideration under all applicable rules and laws.

Project supporters report that the existing infrastructure for these projects is in poor condition. This creates safety issues for vehicle passengers and pedestrians, as well as potential damages to vehicles and cargo. The multimodal plans each county has developed seeks to prioritize the safety of all road users while supporting the needs of the local communities.

The investment in these roadway projects will improve the Farm-to-Market routes and ensure a steady supply of affordable food to consumers across the country. At the same time, these improvements will help to boost local, regional and state economies, and strengthen the transportation systems in these counties.

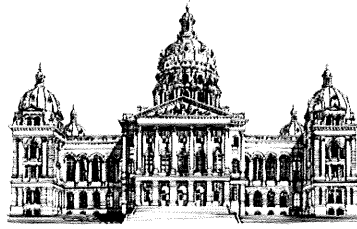
For these reasons and those further described in their submission, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of this Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity for Guthrie, Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties, Iowa. If you have any questions, please contact my Director of Grants, Andy Swanson, at 515-414-0881 or at andy.swanson@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
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July 27, 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, Delaware, 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 seven rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. This investment across the seven rural Iowa counties will enhance safety, quality of life, and economic viability of these communities, the region, and the state.

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As an elected official representing a portion of the area served by this grant, I understand the impact to individual farmers and members of our small cities that require access to sound infrastructure to support our rural ag economy. 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, including the anticipated growth of the city of Elma and the vibrancy of this rural community itself.

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 563-380-3974 or michael.bergan@legis.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Bergan".

Rep. Michael Bergan,
District 63, Iowa House of Representatives

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August 2, 2023

Hon. 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

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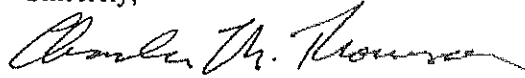
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I support Guthrie County's application for the funding of Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 MPDG funding proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached through my personal cell phone at 847-456-1911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Thomson".

Charles M. Thomson
Member, Iowa House of Representatives
District 58

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August 8, 2023
Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Sincerely,
Michael T. Klimesh
Iowa State Senator

July 26, 2023

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

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My constituents and their farms and businesses rely on a strong roadway network to commute to and from work and to be able to transport food and other goods to and from suppliers and markets. Robust transportation infrastructure is vital to the strength of our economy in our rural areas. 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.

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Sincerely,



Sandy Salmon
State Senator
Iowa Senate District #29

July 26, 2023

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

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Sincerely,

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Rep. Carter F. Nordman
Iowa House of Representatives — District 47 (Guthrie, Greene, and Dallas)
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July 31, 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

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Sincerely,

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Iowa State Senator Jesse Green District 24
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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

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In addition to my work in owning and operating Bloomingdale Tax and Accounting, I currently serve as State House Representative for House District 60, containing all of Worth and Mitchell County and portions of Cerro Gordo and Floyd Counties. It is a distinct honor to represent the people of House District 60 in their state government.

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The rural communities of House District 60 depend on this project corridor for the success of their businesses, the ease of their daily lives, and the safety of themselves and their loved ones. 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 growth in our region.

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Sincerely,

Representative Jane Bloomingdale
State House Representative
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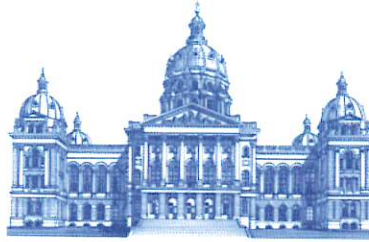
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August 3, 2023

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

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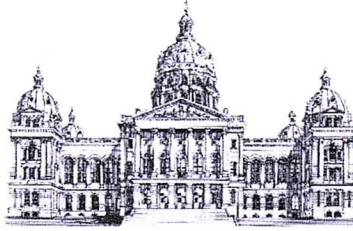
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Sincerely,

Tim Kraayenbrink
State Senator
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August 2, 2023
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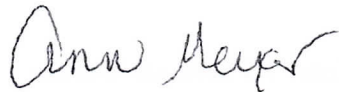
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Sincerely,

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Ann Meyer
State Representative
District 8

August 3, 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

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Iowa pig farmers raise one-third of the nation's pork. With approximately 300,000 or more pigs being transported across Iowa roads daily; pig farmers heavily rely on solid, stable infrastructure like well-maintained roads and bridges to keep the supply chain running efficiently. 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.

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Sincerely,



Pat McGonegle
CEO
Iowa Pork Producers Association



**SOY TRANSPORTATION
COALITION**

1255 SW Prairie Trail Parkway · Ankeny, Iowa 50023
515-727-0665 · www.soytransportation.org

September 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Soy Transportation Coalition is pleased to offer its support for Guthrie County's application, and on behalf of Chickasaw, Fayette, Mitchell, Wapello, and Webster Counties, for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) for the purposes of constructing multimodal improvements on a network of projects, including six Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. As an organization funded by and led by soybean farmers, the Soy Transportation Coalition encourages any investment or development that will result in a more cost effective and reliable delivery of soybeans and other agricultural products.

We appreciate that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is addressing the needs of both urban and rural America. Historically, federal investment in infrastructure has all-too-often been directed disproportionately toward urban areas. A balanced and comprehensive approach is needed. Investing in projects like Guthrie County's application is an opportunity to ensure the benefits of this significant legislation are extended to all areas of this country.

Of all the agricultural products produced in the United States, soybeans are most frequently the number one agricultural export. Each year, over half of U.S. soybeans are purchased and consumed by international customers. Therefore, to remain competitive, America's soybean farmers must not only produce abundant supply and promote robust demand, there must be sufficient connectivity between supply and demand. The first step in this journey from farm to international customer are our rural roads and bridges. It is therefore essential to prioritize investment in this critical link on the agricultural supply chain.

Thank you for your consideration. If you or members of your staff have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 515-727-0665 or msteenhoek@soytransportation.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director
Soy Transportation Coalition

August 1, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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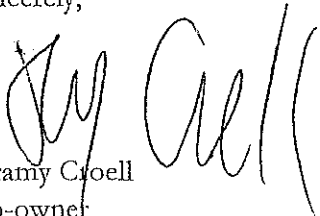
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As one of the largest employers in Chickasaw County, this would really help our community. Investing in a network of Farm-to-Market projects across Iowa will enhance a steady supply of healthy, affordable food choices for consumers across the United 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, including the anticipated growth of Croell Inc. itself.

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 Jeremy.croell@croell.com.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Croell
Co-owner
Croell Inc.



July 26, 2023

Brian P. Moore, P.E.
Executive Director
Iowa County Engineers Association

RE: Letter of Support for Highway T61

Please consider this letter as our support for a multi-county federal grant application for improvement of Hwy. T61 through Blakesburg, Iowa.

The success of our business is heavily dependent upon a good transportation infrastructure throughout the Midwest and particularly throughout the state of Iowa. The volume of trucks entering and exiting our facility on a daily basis is significant and improvements in this segment of highway will certainly help to ensure that all products (both incoming and outgoing) get where they need to be in a timely and safe manner.

We understand that including this segment of highway in the federal grant will not only allow improvements in the road itself, but also in helping to stimulate future growth in the area, resulting in a positive impact in Wapello County and all of southeastern Iowa.

Please give strong consideration to approving this grant application.

Sincerely,
CARGILL-EDDYVILLE

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Jonathan Razink
Assistant Vice President &
Eddyville Facility Manager

August 1, 2023

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

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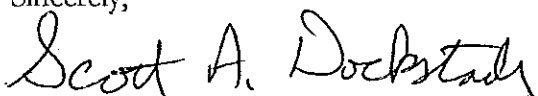
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The projects funded by this grant not only provide safety and multimodal improvements for the agricultural economy, but also for the rural school systems which continue to grow larger through consolidation of rural school districts. Improved connectivity in Iowa's rural areas is vital to the State's economy and Educational Systems.

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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 Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa, 1606 Golden Aspen Drive Suite 102, Ames, Iowa 50010 Ph 515-233-0015.

Sincerely,



Scott A. Dockstader, P.E.

Executive Vice President

Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa



August 9, 2023

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

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Sincerely,

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Andy Warren
Executive Vice-President
Associated General Contractors of Iowa

August 1, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Reicks View Farms was founded by Dale and Laura Reicks in 1979 near the small town of Jerico, Iowa. As 5th generation pork producers, they began with 240 acres of corn along with 200 sows. Today, Reicks View Farms prides itself on being a family farm. Dale and Laura, their children, Brady and Kaylie, along with 400 employees and 130 production partners continue to farm corn as well as produce top quality pork. This would great benefit our operation as well as the families it feeds by providing the necessary infrastructure to move fresh products quickly and efficiently. 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, including the anticipated growth of Reicks View Farms, itself.

I support Howard 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 breicks@reicksview.com

Sincerely,

Brady Reicks

Brady Reicks
Reicks View Farms

July 25, 2023

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

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There are a few local businesses in the City of Alta Vista, such as, Schucky's Bar and Grill, Assured Partners, Alta Vista Express, R&M Auto Body, and Kobliska Law Office that deal with hundreds of people a day. Many of the customers and clients travel from afar to do business. Many of these owners and managers have heard complaints and concerns of the deteriorating road on a regular basis. A new road would help these businesses tremendously as many travelers avoid these. 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, including the anticipated growth of the local businesses, such as, Schucky's Bar and Grill, Assured Partners, Alta Vista Express, R&M Auto Body, and Kobliska Law Office, themselves.

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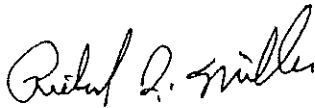
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Connie Erion

Owner

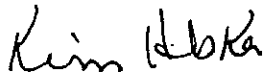
Schucky's Bar & Grill



Richard Miller

Owner

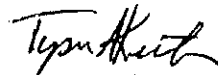
R&M Auto Body



Kim Hubka

Manager

Alta Vista Express



Tyson Keith

President

Assured Partners



Linda Kobliska

Owner

Kobliska Law Office



Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism
101 N Vine St. West Union, Iowa 52175
director@visitfayettecountyiowa.com | 563.265.5248

August 1, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism's mission is to foster and implement tourism and business development and expansion in Fayette County. To do so, road infrastructure is crucial. Our board has specifically identified infrastructure as one of our five strategic priorities to work towards our mission, including goals to "support improvement of roads and bridges and development of alternative transportation (trails)."

This project fits perfectly within our goals and will ultimately improve access for multiple service and tourism-related businesses in Wadena and Fayette County. Specific businesses this project will impact include Viafield (Feed Mill), Northeast Iowa Mechanical (Plumbing, Heating, Electrical), Aylsworth House Movers, Mossy Creek Motors (Auto Repair), Deer Ridge Campground, Mink Creek Lodge, River Valley Campground, Barney's Tavern, and Charlie's Gas Gage Filling Station.

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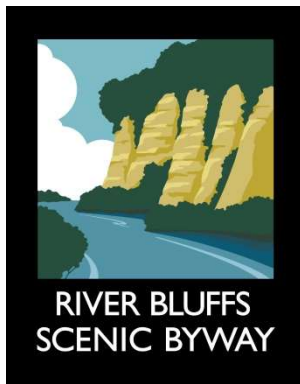
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Mallory Hanson, Director
Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism



River Bluffs Scenic Byway

101 East Greene Street
Postville, IA 52162
563-864-7112

August 1, 2023

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This project fits well within our River Bluffs Scenic Byway (RBSB) Corridor Management Plan (CMP). In fact, Wadena in Fayette County, is an anchor community of the byway and the support of improvements to traveler safety is listed as one of the byway's goals (page 26).

"Although the communities are periodically spaced along the RBSB route in a manner that is conducive to strategically providing opportunities for the RBSB to participate in activities other than driving, not all of the communities have businesses that can meet the needs and/or wants of the traveler." (Page 243). This means that the regionality of the byway is crucial to its success and positive economic impact on communities like Wadena. Road infrastructure within the byway corridor needs to be serviceable for travelers to have the ability and confidence to move from community to community and spend dollars, which in turn, creates economic development.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod Marlatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Rod Marlatt
Board Chair, River Bluffs Scenic Byway

CITY OF WADENA

P. O. BOX 108
WADENA, IA 52169-0108

August 3, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Specifically, this Grant would support the reconstruction of our town's main transportation link with the world, Fayette County Highway W51. This road not only links Wadena with the wider world it is our town's main downtown street for our residents and businesses. The ADA and sidewalk improvements, as well as, the road reconstruction is vital for our community and, quite simply, would not be possible without the federal support of this Grant and assistance from Fayette County.

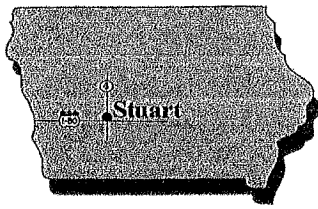
As a small rural Iowa city, we have many challenges providing for our 209 residents and supporting our local businesses. One of our biggest challenges is maintaining our infrastructure with a dwindling population and tax base. Last year, Fiscal Year 2023, our entire road maintenance and construction expenditures was \$26,140. Our entire City budget for all services was \$227,395. This **highly needed** construction project is estimated to cost 1.7 million for the portion that is wholly within Wadena's city limits. The estimated cost of this single, very necessary, project is 65 years of the City of Wadena's normal road expenditures. These numbers should make it absolutely clear, Wadena would be unable to maintain this vital infrastructure without a county and federal partnership.

The City of Wadena fully supports this 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 (563) 774-2875 or by email at wadenaclerk@iowatelecom.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Holt".

Julie Holt
City Clerk
City of Wadena



CITY OF STUART

Mayor: Dick Cook

City Administrator: Ashraf Ashour

August 2, 2023

Pete Buttigieg

United States Secretary of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

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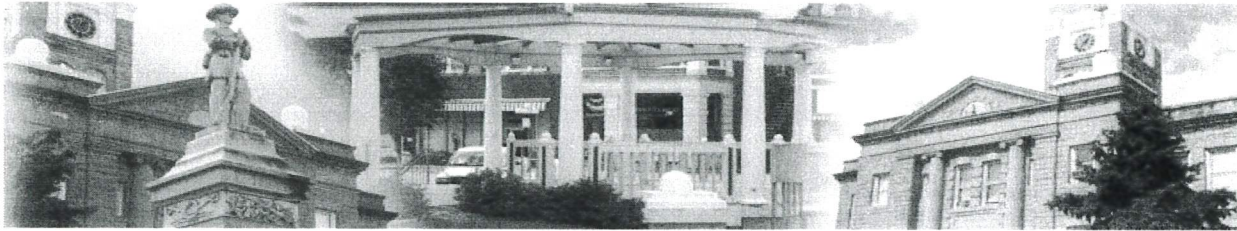
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Sincerely,

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City Administrator

City of Stuart, Iowa



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 11, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
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The counties, through the Secondary Roads Departments, continue to maintain an aging transportation system with limited resources. If this application is successful, the counties would not only complete these necessary transportation projects but then would have the financial ability to advance other necessary projects which in turn will have a larger impact across multiple areas of the counties' infrastructure systems.

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Sincerely,

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Sonny Schroeder, Member - Monroe County Board of Supervisors

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The Alta Vista Fire Department is a volunteer department with 19 current members. Our members live throughout our fire district, which includes the city of Alta Vista and Deerfield and Washington Townships. The Alta Vista Fire Department would be positively impacted by this project as it will enhance our safety when traveling these roads as well as responding to any calls on these roads, some of which may be accidents. To say our roads are rough is an understatement, especially one of the main roads into town, Gilmore Ave which turns into South White Ave in city limits.

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Sincerely,

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Larry Laues
Fire Chief
Alta Vista Fire Department

July 25, 2023

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The City of Alta Vista is a very small community that is driven through by hundreds of people a day. Many of these people who live in, travel through, and to Alta Vista have complained about the horrible road conditions. The City and County have made attempts to prolong the streets by using hot and cold patches, but the road is too far gone for those. The sidewalks are also in dire need of replacement. Being a small community, many of the residents would like to walk to the local store, bar, or church, but find it dangerous as the sidewalks are uneven, crumbling, and not wide enough. This project would positively impact Alta Vista. Many people have conveyed that they take detours to avoid the road, which hurts not only us, but the local businesses. It would also appeal to potential business owners and home owners that want to set up shop or live here as it shows that the town is making improvements. 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



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Chickasaw County Conservation Board manages 32 Park/Wildlife areas throughout Chickasaw County. The recent global pandemic showed us just how important public open spaces are to our mental health and quality of life. The economic impact the Conservation areas add to the rural communities of Iowa are immeasurable. We recently purchased an additional 205 acres of public hunting for Chickasaw County and will continue to provide more opportunities for rural Iowan's as they become available. The rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects will help connect the people of rural Iowa to our facilities. 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, including the anticipated growth of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board itself.

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Sincerely,



Ray Armbrrecht
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Chickasaw County Emergency Management provides disaster preparedness, response, and recovery countywide including the proposed project area. A sub-division of Chickasaw County Emergency Management is the Chickasaw County Rescue Squad and First Responders, a department that provides Emergency Medical Services and Technical Rescue to Chickasaw County. In our responses to serve our communities it is imperative that our system of roadways be safe and in good condition.

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Sincerely,



Jeff Bernatz, Director
Chickasaw County Emergency Management

8/2/2023

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As the director of our County's Ambulance Service, I would like to convey the importance for having reliable and safe roadways to respond to our rural areas. Having worked in rural healthcare for many years I can show you the direct healthcare impacts that burden our populations when critical infrastructure isn't supported and maintained. 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, including the anticipated growth of Chickasaw County EMS itself.

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Joel Knutson, FP-C
Director of Chickasaw County EMS
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Office of the Chickasaw County Sheriff

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Ryan Shawver, Sheriff

Zach Nosbisch, Chief Deputy

August 2, 2023

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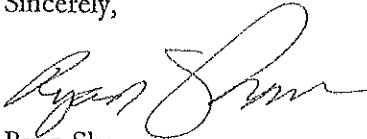
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Ryan Shawver
Sheriff
Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office

August 3, 2023

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Chickasaw County specifically is known for a wide variety of Mennonite greenhouses that bring thousands of tourists to our county every year. Many of those tourists travel through the stretch of roadway that is in extremely poor condition to reach many of these greenhouses. Receiving this grant is crucial to getting this project completed and increasing the safety for tourists and providing a welcoming environment. 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, including the anticipated growth of Chickasaw County Tourism itself.

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Elizabeth Zweibohmer
Tourism Director
Chickasaw County Tourism

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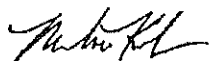
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August 14, 2023

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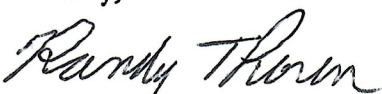
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Randy Thoren
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Beth Eiler
CFO
Homeland Energy Solutions

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We 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 us. We may be reached at 563-547-9204 or the emails below.

Sincerely,

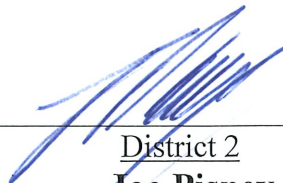
Howard County Board of Supervisors



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Howard County

Business & Tourism

August 2, 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,

It is an honor to write to you in support of Guthrie County's application, and on behalf of Chickasaw, Delaware, Fayette, Howard, 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 seven rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. This investment across the seven rural Iowa counties where farm to market still exists in our great nation will enhance safety, quality of life, and economic viability of these communities, the region, and the state.

Howard County Business & Tourism works to support all of our county's economic development efforts and this project will directly aide many of our Ag businesses, including the ever popular independent greenhouses. 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.

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On behalf of Howard County Business & Tourism we 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.

Sincerely,

Jason Passmore
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July 31, 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:

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The Howard County Conservation Board owns and operates over 2,500 acres of parks, campgrounds, trails and wildlife areas throughout Howard County, including acres within the proposed project corridor. Thus, this project would have an enormous positive impact on infrastructure in and

around these areas, benefiting users of our facilities within said corridor. 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 economics. 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, including the anticipated growth of the Howard County Conservation Board itself.

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 questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at Howard County Conservation Board, 11562 Valley Ave., Cresco, IA 52136, office 563-547-3634, cell 563-419-7993, email: jkorsmo@howardcounty.iowa.gov.

Respectfully,



Jeff Korsmo
Director
Howard County Conservation Board

HOWARD-WINNESHIK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1000 Schroder Dr. Cresco, Iowa 52136



July 26, 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

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It is critical to have a strong infrastructure in order to keep people living here and attract new families to northeast Iowa. This is clearly advantageous for not only our local communities but public schools as well. 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, including the Howard-Winneshiek School School District.

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 563-547-2762.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Einck".

Kris Einck
Superintendent
Howard-Winneshiek School District



INRCOG
Iowa Northland Regional
Council of Governments

July 25, 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:

On behalf of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), I am writing in support of Guthrie County's joint application with 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 seven rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. This investment across the seven rural Iowa counties will enhance safety, quality of life, and economic viability of these communities, the region, and the state. The collaboration to bundle these projects demonstrates a thoughtful and strategic approach to infrastructure enhancement that can serve as an inspiration for other counties and regions seeking to improve transportation connectivity.

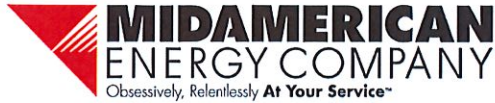
The benefits of the proposed roadway projects are far-reaching. Iowa's agriculture industry has continued to be a leader in crop and livestock production and is the largest contributor to its economy. The existing infrastructure along the project corridor is in poor condition causing many problems for 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.

We firmly believe that investing in these farm-to-market county roadway projects aligns with the U.S. DOT's vision of fostering a robust, multimodal transportation system that addresses the evolving needs of our communities. 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.

The potential impact of this project aligns harmoniously with our long-term goals of strengthening transportation infrastructure and promoting regional development. We commend the dedication of this joint effort to advancing the interests of the region's citizens and the surrounding areas.

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Adam Jablonski
Vice President, Project Development
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July 26, 2023

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

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The above counties have been and continue to show support for MidAmerican Energy's electric and gas business, that support Farm-to-Market projects, and many host MidAmerican's renewable energy projects with renewable infrastructure in Guthrie, Chickasaw, and Webster Counties. The proposed road improvements would allow for MidAmerican to continue to serve the communities at the highest level as well as the ongoing development of future energy projects. These improvements could reduce risk to company personnel who travel through the communities to support electric and gas delivery as well as our contractors servicing renewable facilities, and when delivering large equipment to renewable generation sites, and provide a path with less safety hazards for company personnel.

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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 Adam.Jablonski@midamerican.com or by phone at 515-242-3015.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Jablonski
Vice President, Project Development
MidAmerican Energy Company

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July 25, 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

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The New Hampton District uses these roadways every day to safely transport our students to and from school. This investment will make these trips safer for our students and easier on our equipment. 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

"The mission of the New Hampton Community School District is to empower all students to succeed in a changing world"

and multimodal improvements along the project corridor will also strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region, including the anticipated growth of New Hampton Community Schools itself.

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) 394-2134

Sincerely,

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August 1, 2023

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

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The United States Postal Service relies on the roads in these areas to deliver/retrieve mail for the communities in these areas. Better, safer roadways and adequate sidewalks for pedestrians and mail carriers would make for a more safe and efficient process of delivering the mail for Iowa. 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, including the anticipated growth of the USPS itself.

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 641-394-2241 or you can email me at Jason.l.mohlis@usps.gov

Sincerely,



Jason Mohlis
Postmaster – New Hampton, IA/Alta Vista, IA/Elma, IA/Ionia, IA

August 6, 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

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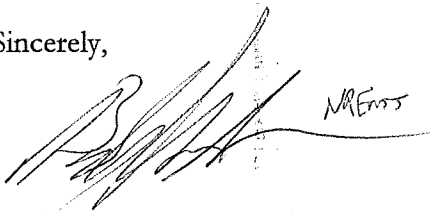
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We currently have an ambulance that services this area and patient comfort and their well being is our top priority. Investing in a network of Farm-to-Market projects across Iowa will enhance a steady supply of healthy, affordable food choices for 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, including the anticipated growth of Regional Health Services of Howard County itself.

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 563-547-6619.

Sincerely,

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Brady Norman NREMT, CCEMT-P
Director of Ambulance Services and Emergency Preparedness
Regional Health Services of Howard County
235 8th Ave West, Cresco, Iowa 52136



ADAIR COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS DEPARTMENT

COUNTY ENGINEER

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GREENFIELD, IA 50849

P: 641-743-6111

DATE: August 1, 2023

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

Pete Buttigieg

United States Secretary of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Ave, SE

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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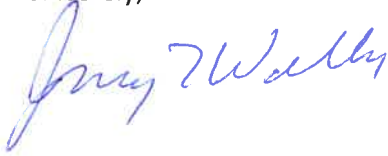
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I support Guthrie County's application for the funding of Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 MPDG funding proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 641-745-5154.

Sincerely,



Jerry Walker

Chairperson

Adair County Board of Supervisors

City of Stuart letters of support for a grant for white Pole Rd

July 27, 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 to express my strong support for Guthrie County's application 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 seven rural Farm-to-Market County roadway projects. This investment across the seven rural Iowa counties will enhance the safety, quality of life, and economic viability of these communities, the region, and the state.

I am the Economic Development Director for the City of Stuart, Iowa, which is one of the seven counties included in the project. Stuart is a growing community with a strong agricultural base. The proposed improvements to the Farm-to-Market network would have a significant impact on our community, making it safer and more accessible for both residents and visitors.

The existing infrastructure along the project corridor is in poor condition, causing many problems for roadway users, freight haulers, and businesses. The rough pavement, drainage issues, and lack of accessible walkways make it difficult and dangerous to travel in the area. The proposed improvements would address these safety concerns and make the corridor more multimodal, providing better access for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation users.

In addition to the safety benefits, the proposed improvements would also have a positive economic impact on the City of Stuart. The project would create jobs during construction and would attract new businesses to the area. The improved infrastructure would also make it easier for existing businesses to expand, which would create additional jobs.

I believe that the proposed improvements to the Farm-to-Market network would be a wise investment in the future of the City of Stuart and the surrounding region. I urge you to give this project your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Funk

Economic Development Director

City of Stuart, Iowa

July 27, 2023

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

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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.

As the Emergency Management Agency for Guthrie County, we feel the investment in infrastructure will help with the safety of all motorists using the Project Corridor and improve the delivery of agricultural products. There will also be savings in the cost of maintaining the current infrastructure that is in poor condition.

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.

Sincerely,



Robert Kempf, Coordinator

Adair & Guthrie County Emergency Management Agency
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August 15, 2023

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

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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 641-524-2411.

Sincerely,

Katie Reynolds
Menlo City Clerk
Menlo City Council



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Pete Buttigieg
United State Secretary of Transportation
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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

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Rose Acre Farms is a major producer of eggs, not only in this area but across the United States. These road improvements will greatly help improve the safety of motorists and trucking in the area. Currently the roads cause safety problems by limiting road width and poor shoulder structure. By improving these roads Rose Acre Farm employees will be able to travel these roads in a much safer manner, as well as other motorists using these roads.

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Sincerely,


Andrew Kaldenberg
Complex Manager
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July 28, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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RE Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 MPDG Opportunity Iowa's Farm-to-Market Network of Projects

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With Schildberg Construction having aggregate quarries in the area of this project it would be a tremendous help in getting our materials delivered to the local farmers, counties and the State of Iowa.

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Sincerely,

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August 2, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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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 515-523-2264.

Sincerely,



Katie Adams

2023 President, Stuart Chamber of Commerce

July 27, 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:

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I am an Executive Director of the Stuart Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED), which is a non-profit organization that works to promote economic development in the City of Stuart and Guthrie County. We believe that the proposed improvements to the Farm-to-Market network would be a major catalyst for economic growth in our region.

The proposed improvements would make it easier for businesses to operate in our area and would attract new businesses to the region. The improved infrastructure would also make it easier for people to get to work, school, and other destinations. This would boost the local economy and improve the quality of life for our residents.

SEED has been working with the City of Stuart and other stakeholders to promote the Farm-to-Market project. We believe that this project is a wise investment in the future of our region and we urge you to give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Funk

Treasurer
Stuart Enterprise for Economic Development



August 1, 2023

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

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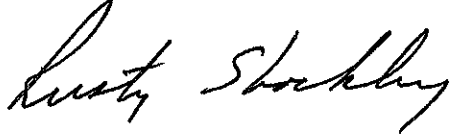
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West Central Valley Schools includes the communities of Dexter, Stuart, and Menlo, Iowa is in Guthrie County. All three of these communities are located on White Pole Road and our high school sits on White Pole Road. White Pole Road is a very high traffic road included in this grant and all our school buses travel this road on a daily basis. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to our school district and community, as it should be yours. White Pole Road presents hazards to our students, staff, and community on a daily basis due to its condition of disrepair. Furthermore, there is an ethanol plant located on this road and the increased truck traffic has led to a serious decline in the highway's condition which continues to create further hazards each year to all parties who travel this road. 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, including the anticipated growth of West Central Valley Schools itself.

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 at the West Central Valley School District (515-523-2187). Thank you for your consideration of this grant opportunity on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Shockley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Rusty Shockley, Superintendent of Schools
West Central Valley Community School District

July 26, 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

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Midwest Partnership is the region's leading facilitator for the retention, expansion and attraction of business to create jobs and improve quality of life in Adair and Guthrie counties. We are the source of innovative thought and expertise with respect to economic growth and prosperity throughout the region; and improved roads will only increase the quality of life in the area. Road improvements will attract visitors and related revenues to each of the five

communities along the byway and improve the quality of life for its residents. Road improvements are critical for our development efforts as it will increase the safety and enjoyment in our area.

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 bdudley@midwestpartnership.com or 515-205-0081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Dudley".

Brenda Dudley
Executive Director
Midwest Partnership EDC



Mitchell County Conservation Board

August 2, 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

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Mitchell county has spent considerable local funds to improve a campground located on one of the Farm-to-Market Roads. This road is necessary not only for the agricultural benefits but helps provide access to campground for quality of life for residents and visitors of Mitchell County. 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, including the anticipated growth of Mitchell County Conservation itself.

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Sincerely,

Michael M. Miner
Executive Director
Mitchell County Conservation Board

August 3, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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As an economic development director for the county this type of project would have significant economic impacts for the city and county such as improved accessibility, improved safety, and better streets mean better business. 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, including the anticipated growth of Mitchell County Economic Development.

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Sincerely,

Mitchell County Economic Development Commission
Executive Director
Jenny Backer

August 2, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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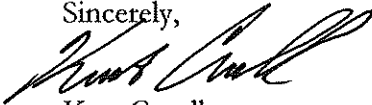
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Sincerely,



Kurt Croell
Owner
Croell, Inc.
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New Hampton, IA 50659

August 7, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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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 gordys@myomnitel.com

Sincerely

Corrina Follmuth

Owner
Gordy's Repair & Implement, Ltd

August 7, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Sincerely,



Michele Russell
CEO
Mitchell County Regional Health Center



St. Ansgar Community Schools

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August 3, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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The improvement of this stretch of road is important to St. Ansgar as our busses travel this route daily during the school year. Safety is a priority concern for our bus routes and the transportation of our students. 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, including the anticipated growth of the St. Ansgar Community Schools itself.

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Sincerely,

Michael R. Crozier

Michael R. Crozier
Superintendent
St. Ansgar Community Schools

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EDDYVILLE-BLAKESBURG-FREMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent: **Scott Williamson**
Phone: 641-969-4226
Fax: 641-969-4547

August 9, 2023

Brian P. Moore, P.E.
Executive Director
Iowa County Engineers Association

RE: Letter of Support for Highway T61

Please consider this letter as support for a multi-county federal grant application for improvement of Hwy. T61 through Blakesburg, Iowa.

The safe travel of our students is heavily dependent upon a good transportation infrastructure throughout our school district. Hwy. T61 is a majorly traveled road for our students and semi-tractor trailer traffic delivering corn to the industrial complex containing the businesses of Cargill and Anjimoto.

We understand that including this segment of highway in the federal grant will allow improvements to the road itself, but also improve the attraction to our community as a place to live. I believe the new infrastructure will also stimulate growth in the industrial complex which use Hwy. T61 for transportation of the corn and the products the businesses produce.

Sincerely,



Scott Williamson
Superintendent Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont CSD
641-969-4226 ext. 2104

The District and the Board will not discriminate on the basis of age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities), race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status (in programs), gender, socioeconomic status (in programs), creed, or genetic information (in employment) in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities and in employment practices, pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws.

The District has adopted grievance procedures for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to sex discrimination pursuant to Title IX, please contact Mary McCrea, Title IX Coordinator, 222 Walnut St, Eddyville, Iowa 52553, 641-969-4226, mary.mccrea@rocketsk12.org, or the U.S. Department of Education (attn. Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights; 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest, Washington, DC 20202; 800-421-3481; OCR@ed.gov). If you have questions or a grievance related to any other provision of this policy, please contact April Glosser, Equity Coordinator, 222 Walnut St, Eddyville, Iowa 52553, 641-969-4226.

August 15, 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

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In Emergency Management we look for mitigation strategies and how we can better improve our infrastructure, and this is a way of mitigating future transportation incidents. Webster County sees several thousand semis daily on our local roadways, which cause much needed repairs and expansion to our roadways.

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, including the anticipated growth of Webster County itself.

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 at 515-573-1403.

Sincerely,



Dylan Hagen
Coordinator
Webster County Emergency Management Agency



August 1, 2023

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The Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance is the economic development organization responsible for the economic growth of this region. Currently, there are a half of dozen companies considering our region for their future location. These companies would create \$6.3 Billion of CAPEX and over 2,000 jobs. These companies also would add to the agricultural economy by using the resources in the area. 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, including the anticipated growth of Webster County of your organization itself.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Halsted".

Kelly Halsted
Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance



Mark Johnson
VP Aggregates MN District

August 14, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
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Washington, DC 20590

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This grant is a part of the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program and will allow Webster County to upgrade existing facilities to the current safety standards, this project will take place on D20 and D36 also known as old Highway 20 from the Calhoun County line to the Highway 169 in Fort Dodge. This project will include a pavement overlay, the addition of paved shoulders and edge line rumble strips to increase the safety of the corridor, and a shared-use path from the City of Fort Dodge to the Mooreland ponds. In our community, D20 is a major trucking route for construction aggregates that are supplied from Martin Marietta's Fort Dodge Mine. This roadway is critical to hauling aggregates and aglime for projects and farming operations West and South of Martin Marietta's Fort Dodge Mine.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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August 10, 2023

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

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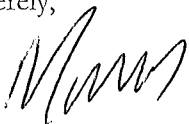
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Our company and customers use many of these roads extensively and improvements are greatly needed. Investing in a network of Farm-to-Market projects across Iowa will enhance a steady supply of healthy, affordable food choices for consumers across the 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.

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Sincerely,



Monica Becker, Owner and Business Administrator

Stratford Gravel, 600 Highway 175, Stratford, IA 50249

From: Jeff Skalberg <jskalberg@wapellocounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 3:14 PM
To: Matt Allender <Matt.Allender@ISGInc.com>
Subject: FW: EXTERNAL: RE: T61 improvements - Letter of Support

Below is the "Email" of support for the MPDG project from City of Blakesburg.

Jeff

From: Isaac Cvrk [<mailto:blakesburgmayor@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Jeff Skalberg <jskalberg@wapellocounty.org>
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: T61 improvements - Letter of Support

Jeff Skalberg,

Per phone conversation on August 15th 2023, the Blakesburg City council voted in favor to support this proposal on August 14th 2023 meeting.

Brenda Schmalzried
City of Blakesburg Mayor

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