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BUILD Grant Selection Committee
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Funding Commitment, City of Dyersville, the Connection for Economic Freedom Project, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Grant Selection Committee,

The Connection for Economic Freedom Project in Dyersville is a connectivity-focused project that will build a new key economic transportation network in this rural Iowa community. Two new roadway bridge connections will be implemented to reduce the impact of flooding and rail blockages. These new connections will create reliable access for the community, which currently lacks it, through additional network linkage and by eliminating an at-grade rail crossing. This project will reduce emergency response times and support tourism and economic vitality. The City of Dyersville is submitting a BUILD request of \$25 million. Without an investment from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), this generational investment in Dyersville is impossible.

As the USDOT considers applications for BUILD Discretionary Grants, the City of Dyersville wishes to acknowledge a local commitment of \$4,868,500 to deliver this project. These matching funds will include contributions from the City of Dyersville for real property (in-kind), dedicated and experienced project staff to provide oversight and administration of this project (in-kind), General Obligation Bonds (cash), and Tax Increment Financing Funds (cash).

In-kind contributions

\$375,000: The real property contributions to the project have an appraised value and will be limited to the property incorporated into the project limits.

\$234,500: The staff in-kind contributions will be limited to the direct contributions of the City and consultant staff to provide administrative oversight for the delivery of this project.

\$4,250,000: The cash portion of the local match has no restrictions in use or timing and is ready to be committed upon award of an FY2026 BUILD Grant to fund the remainder of the project and cover unanticipated cost overruns.

This local commitment is representative of 84 percent federal/16 percent local cost share and is evidence of our dedication to our community and our planned future through the delivery of the Connection for Economic Freedom project.

Sincerely,

Mick J. Michel,
City Administrator