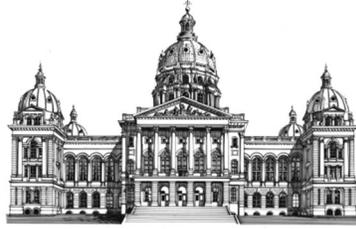




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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
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Re: Support for the City of Dyersville’s BUILD Grant Application – Connections for Economic Freedom Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write to express my strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa’s application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to advance its Connections for Economic Freedom project.

This project represents a transformational investment in safety, mobility, and connectivity for a rural Iowa community. By constructing critical east–west and north–south roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk connections, the project will significantly strengthen Dyersville’s local and regional transportation network. Key safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, reducing traffic congestion and delays, and improving emergency response times.

The project also addresses long-standing pedestrian safety concerns by filling gaps in the sidewalk and trail network that currently force pedestrians to use a principal arterial roadway. Enhanced walkability, improved wayfinding, and stronger connections between residential areas, downtown, and industrial districts will benefit residents, workers, and visitors alike. Eight new trail segments and upgraded sidewalks will ensure full Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, expanding safe and accessible multimodal transportation options.

In addition to improving mobility, the project strengthens community resilience and sustainability. By creating alternative access routes across the two rivers that run through Dyersville, the project will reduce the impact of routine flooding events and improve overall system reliability. Expanded pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will further support environmentally sustainable transportation choices.

These improvements are particularly important during high-traffic events, such as the annual Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams site, when safe, efficient transportation access is critical.

The City of Dyersville has already demonstrated strong local commitment and investment in this initiative. However, a federal partnership through the BUILD program is essential to fully implement the Connections for Economic Freedom project. This investment will enhance safety, promote economic vitality, strengthen infrastructure resilience, and expand multimodal connectivity in a small but vibrant rural community.

I respectfully urge you to give full consideration to Dyersville's BUILD grant application. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to improving transportation systems in communities across the nation.

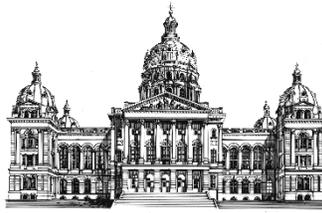
Sincerely,

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Representative Shannon Lundgren

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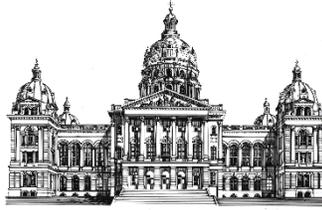
I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa's request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application, for their Connections for Economic Freedom project.

I support projects that improve safety, mobility, and connectivity within communities and throughout the greater nationwide transportation network. The Connections for Economic Freedom project does so by constructing new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times in Dyersville. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users. Multimodal accessibility will be addressed through eight new segments of trail connections and improved sidewalk access that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

This transformative project augments sustainability through the creation of alternative access across two rivers that run through the heart of Dyersville, reducing the impact of routine flood events. It also provides critical connectivity and infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. This project directly supports enhanced connectivity for residents and tourists alike, supporting economic vitality in this rural area. These new connections will be especially important during high-traffic events in Dyersville, such as the annual Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams site.

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The transportation investment in this project will transform the City of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. With the previous local investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

The implementation of the Connections for Economic Freedom project is not possible without the support of U.S. Department of Transportation funding. I urge you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency in a small, rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to bring this critical project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

Carrie Koelker

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Iowa Senator, District 29

February 20, 2026

Secretary Sean Duffy
United States Department of Transportation
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RE: Support for a BUILD grant for the city of Dyersville

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to support the application by the city of Dyersville, Iowa, to the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program. This grant will fund the Connections for Economic Freedom project in this growing community in northeast Iowa.

The Connections for Economic Freedom project will construct new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users. Multimodal accessibility will be addressed through eight new segments of trail connections and improved sidewalk access that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

The transportation investment in this project will transform the city of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. These new connections will be especially important during high-traffic events in Dyersville, such as the annual Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams site.

Iowa DOT is pleased to support this grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott C. Marler
Director



February 23, 2026

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Re: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duff:

The East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) is the Regional Council of Governments and the designated transportation planning agency for the City of Dyersville, Iowa. We believe the **Connections for Economic Freedom project** will significantly improve safety, efficiency, connectivity, and reliability in the community.

As Director of Transportation, Planning, and Transit for ECIA, I fully support the City of Dyersville's BUILD grant application to develop essential east-west and north-south roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk connections. This project will enhance safety by eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, reducing traffic delays, and improving emergency response times.

The proposed project will provide the following benefits to the City of Dyersville:

Safety and Accessibility Benefits

- Completing sidewalk and trail gaps keeps pedestrians off principal arterial roadways
- Improved walkability, wayfinding, and access to downtown and industrial areas benefit all users
- Eight new trail segments enhance multimodal accessibility
- Improved, ADA-compliant sidewalks benefit people with disabilities

Sustainability and Connectivity Benefits

- Alternative access across two rivers reduces the impact of routine flood events
- New infrastructure supports pedestrians and cyclists
- Enhanced connectivity for residents and tourists strengthens economic vitality
- Improved connections during high-traffic events, such as the annual Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams site, increase access for all

Economic and Infrastructure Benefits

- Dyersville will serve as a hub for economic prosperity
- Existing transportation systems will be safer for all users
- Infrastructure will be more resilient to challenges and disruptions
- Expanded multimodal transportation options will make travel easier for everyone
- Previous local investments will be leveraged to further enhance connectivity for all users
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The Connections for Economic Freedom project depends on U.S. Department of Transportation funding. ECIA urges you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency for this rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to help bring it to fruition as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Chandra Ravada

Director of Transportation, Planning, and Transit Services

East Central Intergovernmental Association / Dubuque MPO/ RTA 8



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RE: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa's request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application, for their **Connections for Economic Freedom project**.

The Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce supports projects that improve safety, mobility, and connectivity within communities and throughout the greater nationwide transportation network. The Connections for Economic Freedom project does so by constructing new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times in Dyersville. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users. Multimodal accessibility will be addressed through eight new segments of trail connections and improved sidewalk access that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

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The transportation investment in this project will transform the City of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. With the previous local investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

The implementation of the Connections for Economic Freedom project is not possible without the support of U.S. Department of Transportation funding. The Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce urges you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency in a small, rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to bring this critical project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Karla Thompson, Executive Director
Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce

DYERSVILLE EVENTS, INC.
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February 20, 2026

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RE: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application – Connections for Economic Freedom

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of Dyersville Events, Inc., I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa's application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for the Connections for Economic Freedom project.

Dyersville Events, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Field of Dreams Movie Site, a globally recognized destination that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to our rural community. The site also includes a permanent professional baseball stadium that will host a Major League Baseball game in 2026, further elevating Dyersville's national and international profile.

As the organization responsible for stewarding one of the region's most significant tourism and economic assets, we see firsthand how Dyersville's transportation network is increasingly strained during peak visitation periods and major events. Limited east-west and north-south connections, flood-related disruptions, and railroad blockages create real challenges for visitor access, local traffic circulation, and—most importantly—emergency response.

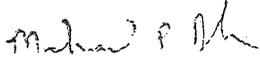
The Connections for Economic Freedom project directly addresses these challenges. By improving roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk connectivity, the project will enhance safety, reliability, and multimodal access for residents and visitors alike. These improvements are especially critical during high-attendance events at the Field of Dreams site, when safe and efficient movement throughout the community is essential for public safety, visitor experience, and local business activity.

Beyond individual events, this project strengthens the long-term sustainability of Dyersville's tourism economy. Reliable transportation connections support repeat visitation, extend visitor stays, and improve access to downtown businesses, parks, and cultural amenities. For a small rural community whose economy depends on both quality of life and destination appeal, these infrastructure investments are foundational.

Dyersville Events, Inc. strongly believes that federal investment through the BUILD program will yield outsized benefits in Dyersville—enhancing safety, improving emergency access, and supporting economic opportunity in a community that welcomes visitors from across the country while continuing to serve the daily needs of its residents.

We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the City of Dyersville's BUILD grant application and help bring this transformative project to fruition.

Sincerely,

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Mike Decker
President



February 20, 2026

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RE: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of Travel Dubuque, I am writing in strong support of the City of Dyersville, Iowa's request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application, for their **Connections for Economic Freedom project**.

Travel Dubuque manages numerous youth baseball tournaments and the Velocity Music Festival concert series at the Field of Dreams each summer. These events bring thousands of visitors from across the country to Dyersville and Dubuque County, generating significant economic impact for local hotels, restaurants, retailers, and service providers.

Safe, efficient, and resilient transportation infrastructure is critical to the continued success of these events. During high-traffic periods, including the Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams this summer, roadway connectivity, emergency access, and traffic flow become essential to both visitor experience and public safety.

The Connections for Economic Freedom project will strengthen east-west and north-south connectivity, reduce congestion, improve emergency response access, and enhance overall mobility throughout Dyersville. These improvements are vital to supporting the growing tourism economy and ensuring that Dyersville remains a welcoming and accessible destination for visitors nationwide.

This investment will not only improve quality of life for residents but also protect and expand economic opportunities tied to one of Iowa's most recognizable destinations.

Travel Dubuque strongly supports the City of Dyersville's application and encourages favorable consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Keith Rahe
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Mick Michel
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Dear Mr. Michel:

I have contacted Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, regarding the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program grant application submitted by the City of Dyersville for the Enhancing Multimodal Connections in Dyersville Project. 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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Date: February 15, 2024 at 12:35:18 PM CST
To: Mick Michel <mmichel@cityofdyersville.com>
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Dear Mr. Michel,

Thank you for contacting me to request assistance with your grant application for Dyersville. I appreciate the detail you provided to demonstrate how these grant funds would be utilized.

In order to be most helpful, I have contacted the Department of Transportation directly and requested full consideration of your grant application. As your United States Senator, it is an honor to ensure Iowans are considered for federal grants to better our communities and the services provided.

Thank you again for reaching out with your request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Covey in my Des Moines office at 733 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA or by phone at (515) 284-4574. Emily may also be reached by email at Emily_Covey@ernst.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Joni K. Ernst
United States Senator





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February 23, 2026

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RE: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy:

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CN Railroad supports projects that improve safety, mobility, and connectivity within communities and throughout the greater nationwide transportation network. The Connections for Economic Freedom project does so by constructing new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times in Dyersville. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users. Multimodal accessibility will be addressed through eight new segments of trail connections and improved sidewalk access that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

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The transportation investment in this project will transform the City of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. With the previous local investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

The implementation of the Connections for Economic Freedom project is not possible without the support of U.S. Department of Transportation funding. CN Railroad urges you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency in a small, rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to bring this critical project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Price

Manager – CN U.S. Public and Government Affairs



Dyersville Area *Community Foundation*

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February 20, 2026

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investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

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Sincerely,

Mark Singsank

Mark Singsank, Executive Director

Dyersville Area Community Foundation



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January 28, 2025

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RE: Support for the City of Dyersville's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Acting Secretary Kaleta:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa's request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application, for their Enhancing Multimodal Connections in Dyersville project.

Dyersville Economic Development Corporation supports projects that improve safety, efficiency, and accessibility within communities and throughout the greater nationwide transportation network. The Enhancing Multimodal Connections in Dyersville project does so by constructing new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times in Dyersville. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users.

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The transportation investment in this project will transform the City of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, create high-paying jobs, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. With the previous local investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

The implementation of the Enhancing Multimodal Connections in Dyersville project is not possible without the support of U.S. Department of Transportation funding. Dyersville Economic Development Corporation urges you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency in a small, rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to bring this critical project to fruition in the near future.

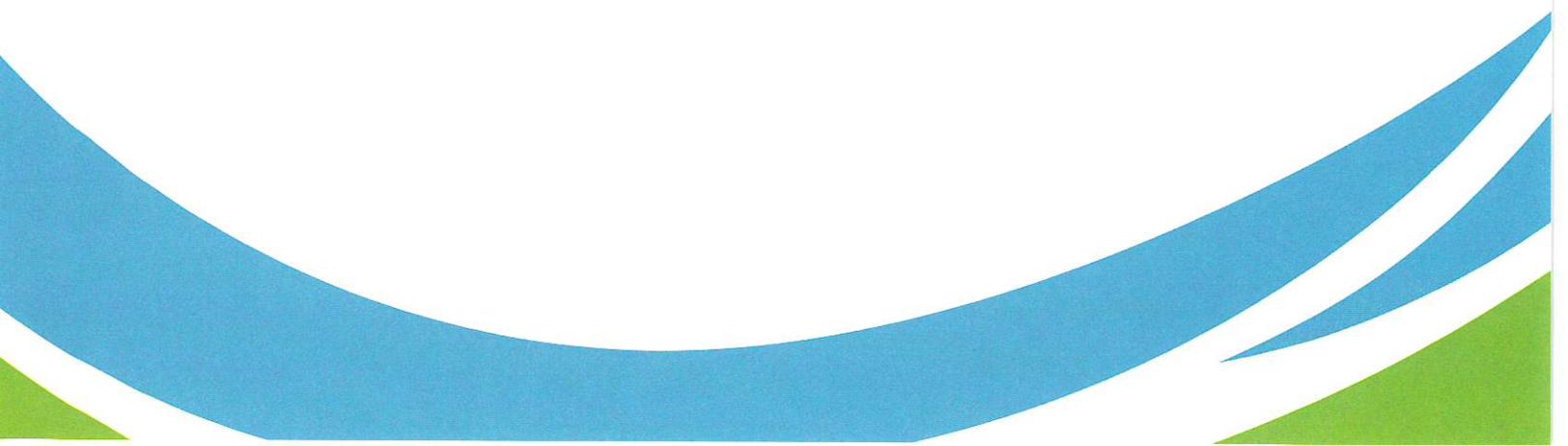
Sincerely,



Jacquie Rahe

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Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dyersville, Iowa's request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application, for their **Connections for Economic Freedom project**.

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation supports projects that improve safety, mobility, and connectivity within communities and throughout the greater nationwide transportation network. The Connections for Economic Freedom project does so by constructing new key east-west and north-south connections for roadway, bridge, trail, and sidewalk facilities. Safety improvements include eliminating a hazardous at-grade rail crossing, alleviating traffic delays, and reducing emergency response times in Dyersville. This project also includes many other safety improvements such as completing sidewalk and trail network gaps to keep pedestrians from using the principal arterial roadway as a sidewalk, and improved walkability, wayfinding and access to the downtown and industrial areas for all users. Multimodal accessibility will be addressed through eight new segments of trail connections and improved sidewalk access that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

This transformative project augments sustainability through the creation of alternative access across two rivers that run through the heart of Dyersville, reducing the impact of routine flood events. It also provides critical connectivity and infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. This project directly supports enhanced connectivity for residents and tourists alike, supporting economic vitality in this rural area. These new connections will be especially important during high-traffic events in Dyersville, such as the annual Major League Baseball game at the Field of Dreams site.

The transportation investment in this project will transform the City of Dyersville into a center for economic prosperity, improve the safety of existing transportation systems, create resilient infrastructure, and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. With the previous local investment into the project, the City is poised to make these improvements to enhance connectivity for all users.

The implementation of the Connections for Economic Freedom project is not possible without the support of U.S. Department of Transportation funding. Greater Dubuque Development urges you to invest in multimodal improvements, connectivity, and efficiency in a small, rural Iowa community. Please consider this project for BUILD funding to bring this critical project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason E. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason E. White
President & CEO