

February 23, 2023

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

*RE: Letter of Support for the City of Dyersville's Application for the U.S. Department of Transportation
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program*

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the City of Dyersville's Enhancing Multimodal Connection proposal. The proposed project to build new key roadway and bridge connections, on- and off-street bicycle facilities and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks will enhance Dyersville's accessibility, network and connection with neighboring communities.

Home to the famous Field of Dreams, Dyersville has seen impressive economic growth over the last several years as the field grows in fame with the Major League Baseball games. In response, the community has taken the initiative to fill the gaps in their infrastructure that currently hinder visitors and residents alike. This project will address those concerns in the form of building roadways and bridges to improve access, both regular and emergency, to neighborhoods during flooding events as well as improving general recreation infrastructure to improve the community's quality of life.

Iowa recognizes the importance of safe transportation and recreation logistics for economic development and has prioritized investments for the improvements of such systems. We are grateful for communities across the state like Dyersville who constantly seek ways to improve and prioritize this critical component. The City of Dyersville's proposal is an investment in boosting the community and state and has the potential to inspire further development initiatives. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal for RAISE grant funding.

Sincerely,



Debi Durham
Executive Director