

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

August 25, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg U.S Secretary of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to you regarding the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) application for federal funding through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) 'Planning' grant to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. Please give their application due consideration under all applicable rules and laws.

These eight bridge replacement projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished.

Unfortunately, Iowa is third in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges, and the majority of these bridges are owned by the counties. Each of the counties involved in this grant proposal have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. According to the project sponsors, with a BIP award of up to 70 to 80 percent of eligible project costs, our counties will receive the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. Additionally, construction of the new bridges can provide opportunity for connectivity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access.

For these reasons and those further described in their grant application, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) application for federal funding through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning grant. If your staff has any questions, please contact my Legislative Aide Blake Dickerson at (202) 225-6576 or at blake@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely.

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Danny R. Waid Executive Director Iowa County Engineer Association Service Bureau 5500 Westown Parkway, Suite 190 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

Dear Mr. Waid:

I have contacted Secretary Buttigieg of the U.S. Department of Transportation, regarding the Bridge Investment Program application being submitted by Washington County, in conjunction with seven other counties, to fund bridge structures on the secondary road system in Iowa. 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 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of \$25 million, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
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- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I would appreciate your thorough and expeditious consideration for ICEA, in accordance with all rules and regulations. Please forward your response to Emily Covey in my Des Moines office at 733 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 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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Kim Reynolds, Governor Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor Scott Marler, Iowa DOT Director

August 23, 2022

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

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) in support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) application for federal funding dollars through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. These bridge projects are an essential part of the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need with timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe and functional use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished.

Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to secure local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities and residents in the counties.

An award of 70 to 80 percent of the \$48 million estimated total costs from the BIP would provide each of these counties with the funding necessary to reconstruct these vital bridges. Iowa DOT and counties in lowa have a strong history of partnership and when given federal dollars, this means the funding is put to work quickly and efficiently. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to community and emergency services
- Safety and access benefits, including benefits to Amish and disadvantaged communities in Iowa
- · Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry which is essential to lowa's economy
- Reductions in vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved system resiliency, reliability, and continuity

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full consideration to their proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Marler, Director











[August 2, 2022]

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

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- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter in Support of the Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 BIP Grant Request

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) wishes to express our strong support for the grant application being submitted by the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) for federal grant funding currently available through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The grant funding will support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities in Iowa. It is important to note that Iowa still ranks 3rd nationally in the number structurally deficient bridges in the country. Bridges provide an important connecting point in rural transportation networks and bridge failures can significantly interrupt the ability to connect farms to markets, community services and underserved populations, and access to timely emergency services. The counties participating in this grant application have verified that without the assistance of this grant program, it could take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

A BIP grant award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs will allow ICEA to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

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ISAC fully supports ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. ISAC appreciates the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

William R. Peterson **Executive Director**

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Federal Highway Administration

August 2, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to convey our strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), and its application for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to help fund the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This request for funding is critical for Iowa. As you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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APAI and its members, fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Scott Dockstader, P.E.

Executive Vice President

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July 25, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

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So many benefits would come of this funding including but not limited to:

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Representative Lee Hein

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Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Greetings Secretary Pete Buttigieg,

I'm writing in regards to the Williams overpass Bridge which is located on the west edge of Williams on R75 in Hamilton County Iowa.

This bridge was constructed in 1932. Major repairs were conducted in 1975 and again in 1993. In 2008 the bridge and two-lane Highway 20 were transferred by the Department of Transportation to Hamilton County. Currently the bridge does not require a load rating restriction, but significant deterioration of the bridge will require a restriction to be posted in the near future. Repair of the bridge is no longer a cost-effective solution, and will require the bridge to be replaced if full functionality of the bridge is to be maintained. The proposed replacement will increase the bridge width from 24 feet to 40 feet, and significantly improve the sight distance and ease of turning movements for traffic entering or exiting the City of Williams. With additional grant assistance for funding, the Iowa County Engineers Association and the Iowa DOT will be able to support us with the necessary funding. I highly encourage the assistance with this project!

Respectfully,

Iowa State Senator Jesse Green

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July 12, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200New Jersey Ave SE Washington DC 20590

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter in support for the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for a project in my Senate district in Washington County, Iowa.

The project is for the replacement of a bridge over the Skunk River at the McKains River Access. This project will help reduce flooding and over topping of Dogwood Ave. This bridge is one of two bridges over the Skunk River in Washington County and is vital for improving emergency response in the southwest part of Washington County. This bridge has a large economic impact for our farmers; saving them time, fuel and money as they get their crops and livestock to and from market. I strongly support this ICEA grant application. If you have any questions, please contact me at kevin.kinney@legis.iowa.gov or my cell phone 319-631-4667.

State Senator Kevin Kinney

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Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Senator Ken Rozenboom

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July 22, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to support the Bridge Investment Program request to replace the F44 (290th St.) Cedar River bridge near Rochester, Iowa that is part of the Iowa County Engineers Association federal funding request to help reconstruct eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

Every day, Iowans face a huge safety and economic issue – Iowa has the third largest number of structurally deficient bridges in the nation. Additionally, the historic 2008 Midwestern flood took its toll on more Iowa bridges. The Rochester Cedar River bridge is experiencing scour issues due to dual river channels the 2008 floods caused. The project will increase the bridge width by 4.5 feet, in addition to the current fiber optic line being redone during construction.

This grant funding will help to improve safety, mobility, access, and economic growth in the region. Rochester is a vital, rural Iowa township. The type of town we should all be fighting to preserve. It sits in the middle of 4 larger towns, with this bridge providing critical access to a few of these larger towns. Without this bridge, residents will not be able to get to their jobs, farmers will not be able to get their commodities to co-ops and processors, school children to their classrooms and emergency services will not be able to access residents or get them to the care they need.

Without BIP funding, it is likely that this bridge would face permanent closure. This bridge is a critical access point for my constituents in Cedar County, so I am happy to lend my support to this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zach Wahls Iowa State Senator



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July 25, 2022

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Craig Johnson.

State Senator, District 32

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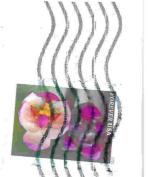
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July 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. I appreciate the opportunity to express support for the proposal.

Sincerely,

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At our Bremer County Board of Supervisors meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2022 we voted to fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dewey Hildebrandt, Chair

Bremer County Board of Supervisors



City of Fairbank

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July 5, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Fairbank writes this letter in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. There is a need to replace the Cutshaw Bridge just south of Fairbank. This bridge is very important to our citizens as it is the link that connects our city to the bigger metro areas. This is crucial when it comes to our emergency response crews. The 59-year-old bridge is rapidly deteriorating but the replacement cost is more than 10 years of the county's dedicated bridge funding. The City of Fairbank cannot fathom the impact to its residents if the bridge is closed. Thank you for your grant consideration.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mike Harter, Mayor p. 319.231-9262

mayor@fairbank-ia.org

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Fayette County Board of Supervisors

Jeanine Tellin, Janell Bradley, Marty Stanbrough 114 N. VINE, P.O. BOX 267 WEST UNION, IOWA 52175 TELEPHONE # (563) 422-3538

July 11, 2022

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Sincerely,

Jeanine Tellin

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Regards,

Lisa Kremer

Executive Director

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Buchanan County Economic Development



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July 12, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write today in strong support of the grant application submitted by the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) for federal funding dollars through the Bridge Investment Program to help reconstruct eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

Cedar County has submitted the Cedar River bridge near the town of Rochester located in the south-central portion of the county. The Rochester bridge is a vital link for the area economy. Interstate 80 restricts large slow-moving equipment from traveling on it which funnels the agricultural traffic to the Rochester bridge. It is anticipated that the carrying capacity of the bridge will continue to drop significantly over the next five to ten years. If the bridge is not replaced in the near future, the distance to get around to the nearest crossing for the slow-moving agricultural traffic would increase to over eleven miles. This would be a huge blow to the local farmers and economy. Interstate 80 is also restricted to legal loads over eighty thousand pounds by federal law. This restriction creates a hinderance to the area farmers since they can typically legally load some of their trucks to over ninety thousand pounds. Agriculture is not the only industry that is served by the bridge. There is a sand pit east of the bridge and a rock quarry west of the bridge. The situation experienced by the local agricultural industry is also felt by the local quarry industry. A newly constructed bridge at Rochester would be designed to handle the additional loading and include a wider structure for the increasingly larger equipment. This in turn allows for fewer trips for the haul trucks, which would reduce their carbon footprint on the environment.

Interstate 80 carries over 36,000 cars and trucks a day over the Cedar River. Formally, when the interstate experiences an emergency closure typically due to an accident, this large amount of traffic is detoured south across a bridge on Highway 6 over the Cedar River. It is nearly 22 miles around this signed emergency route which includes traveling through the towns of Moscow, Atalissa, and West Liberty. The traffic alone creates numerous issues within these small rural towns during normal weather conditions, let alone during a winter storm. If a new Cedar River bridge were to be constructed at Rochester, the county would work with the Iowa Department of Transportation to get the formal emergency route designated to go north and across a new bridge reducing the distance to just 9 miles, and the proposed route would not go through any rural towns. This dramatic reduction in distance and town congestion would greatly reduce the fuel consumption of the detoured interstate

traffic and would also provide a much safer alternative route than what is currently designated.

As history has shown, the river can flood quite frequently. A new bridge would also be designed to be more flood resilient. The design would incorporate the latest state and federal requirements and would also be analyzed to determine the effects of a flood event similar to that experienced in 2008. The current bridge is considered scour critical which means that when the river experiences flooding, the water can remove the ground around the piers and if not stopped, could result in the collapse of the bridge. In an extreme case, the collapsed bridge could proceed downstream, strike the Interstate 80 Cedar River bridge and cause damage to that structure. Having both bridges closed would have an enormous impact on interstate traffic. Newer design techniques would be utilized to greatly minimize the possibility of this occurring. The pier design would take into consideration not only scour, but also account for the large amount of debris that travels down the river. The type of bridge chosen would also reduce the amount of backwater, which would reduce the amount of flooding in the nearby Village of Rochester. All these considerations would provide for a safer, more efficient crossing that would have a reduced impact on the local population and environment.

Financing a new bridge replacement is improbable for the county if solely relying on conventional funding sources such as farm to market funds, highway bridge funding and local secondary roads funds. The county is responsible for 260 bridges and over 945 miles of roadway. We currently have over 60 structurally deficient bridges throughout the county. We strive to replace from five to ten structures per construction season in order to improve the hardship these deficiencies cause. We are utilizing our typical funding sources to try and maintain this program. It is estimated that a bridge replacement over the Cedar River near Rochester would have a price tag of \$12,000,000. That equates to over 10 years of our typical annual allotment of bridge replacement funding. Essentially, the county would have to halt all other bridge projects over that span of time to fund just this one single structure. That would not be feasible given the current state of our bridges in the county. Without a non-traditional funding source like a federal grant, the county would not be financially able to replace this critical piece of infrastructure.

We would like to thank you for giving this grant proposal your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions regarding our proposed project, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Steve Agne – Chairperson

Cedar County Board of Supervisors

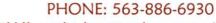
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July 22, 2022

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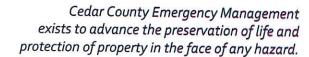
In particular, the bridge candidate submitted by Cedar County has a dramatic effect on my department and the hundreds of people that utilize the various recreational sites in the area. The bridge serves as a vital link from our Rochester Sand Pit and Rochester Park to the Village of Rochester. The bridge also is utilized by regional bicycle enthusiasts given its scenic view of the Cedar River valley. It is nearly 7 miles up and down river to reach another suitable crossing for walking, running, bicycling and snow mobile riding.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

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Mike Dauber

Cedar County Conservation Director





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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It has come to my attention that the Cedar County Engineer's Office, through the Iowa County Engineers Association, will soon apply for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) for the replacement of the structure commonly known as the Rochester Bridge. This application is critical to the residents and the government of Cedar County, Iowa. This project will replace a bridge that has served Cedar County well, but is clearly nearing the end of its useful life. Not only does this bridge provide a means of economic transport, this bridge is a vital part of Cedar County's transportation infrastructure. If we were to lose the use of this bridge, or if the bridge failed without replacement, the lives and safety of the residents of Cedar County would be negatively impacted.

As the Emergency Manager for Cedar County, a significant part of my job is to plan for contingencies when our current best practices fail. I can imagine a scenario in which there is no Rochester Bridge, and first responders are forced to use the I-8o Cedar River bridge to access locations on the side of the Cedar opposite their emergency station. The use of the I-8o Cedar River Bridge has the potential to add at least 5 ½ miles to the response route, increasing response times by a *minimum* of 7 minutes. While 5 ½ miles and 7 minutes may not seem like a lot of time, a life could be lost or significant destruction can occur during that very short time frame. Every second counts when a resident is calling for assistance for a possible heart attack, a traumatic injury, or a child not breathing. Every second counts when a home is engulfed by fire. Every second counts when a person is waiting for law enforcement to respond to a criminal threat.

An additional reason why the replacement of this bridge should be a critical priority is the simple fact that 290th Street (on which the Rochester Bridge is located) is a potential detour route should I-80 be closed during an emergency such as a mass fatality accident, a transportation hazardous materials accident or a myriad of other incidents that are possible due to the nature of transportation and commerce. Without the Rochester Bridge, travelers, truckers and other motorists would have to travel on a detour possibly in excess of 16 miles (using County Road X54, Hwy 6, and Atalissa Road) rather than a more direct detour of just over 5 miles (using Hwy 38, 290th Street/F44, Atalissa Road). Not only does this inhibit commerce, it further taxes local roads and infrastructure that were not designed to handle the volume of traffic that 290th Street handles during a detour event. As Cedar County has made critical infrastructure improvements to 290th Street, it follows that critical improvements need to be made to the Rochester Bridge.

Further, from an economic standpoint, the Rochester Bridge is critical to our local agricultural community. Cedar County is largely rural, and a large majority of our county footprint is used by local farmers to grow the crops and the livestock that are critical to feeding our Nation. Should this bridge fall further into deficiency, we compromise the livelihoods of many farmers and animal producers, which has a direct effect on the businesses of Cedar County that support our agricultural economy. Simply put, the loss of our agricultural community would have a devastating impact on the county during a disaster with county-wide impact. Our recovery would be jeopardized due to the loss of these entities in our community.

While I could provide additional examples as to why this piece of critical infrastructure needs to be replaced, the fact is that the safety of our residents and those travelling through our county is of utmost concern. Truly, this is a project that has the ability to be a positive impact on the whole community. I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program. I urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their application and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Jodi Freet, IACEM

Director

Cedar County Emergency Management Agency

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Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 July 11, 2022

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout lowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, lowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Enhanced safety and access, including benefits to many Amish communities in Iowa
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry
- Reduced vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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July 25, 2022

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RE: lowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The lowa Couty Engineers Association (ICEA) is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). We support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. Iowa has the unfortunate rank of the 3rd worst deficient bridges in the USA.

Cedar County Cooperative is a small player in the world of agriculture, but as you know Iowa is a major mover of grain and other related nutrient products. We must start with the reconstruction of these bridge projects. The sooner the better.

With a BIP award ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely

David Summers General Manager



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> Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

RE: Cedar County Iowa 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

July 7, 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are a local family owned telecommunications provider serving rural subscribers with telephone and internet and want to show our support for Cedar County Iowa receiving grant funding from the Bridge Investment Program for the bridge across the Cedar River along 290TH St. Our communities depend on this type of infrastructure for our daily lives to function efficiently and economically. With appropriate funding for this project that can continue to be assured, but without it we are at a risk for the loss of safe and convenient use and access of the roadway.

Thank you,

Brian Langley Outside Plant Manager









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August 17, 2022

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Tim Gulbranson Bernie Peeters Mary Rueter Kitty Willimack RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Randy Zobrist

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished.

River Bend Transit utilizes these rural bridges daily providing public transit service to rural residents, connecting them to essential services in larger communities.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Randy Zobrist

Executive Director/CEO



RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE

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July 7, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you on behalf of River Valley Cooperative, a farmer-owned cooperative in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

This letter supports replacing the F44 (290th St.) bridge near Rochester, Iowa, in Cedar County. As a farmer-owned company, we use this bridge daily to provide services to our customers throughout Cedar County. This includes feed for livestock, agronomy products, and energy products to heat homes in this area. In addition, our customers haul grain into our Sunbury, Iowa, facility every day throughout the year.

River Valley Cooperative firmly believes that this bridge greatly benefits us as a company and all our customers and customers of neighboring retail and agricultural companies in Cedar County and surrounding counties.

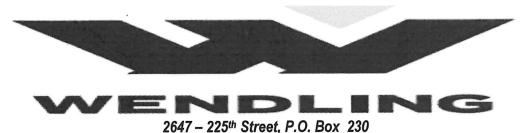
We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout lowa. As you may recall, lowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. One bridge in particular is the Rochester Cedar River Bridge in Cedar County. It crosses a major river and plays a key role in transportation for the agriculture on the eastern side of the state. But in 2008, a major flood changed the river's main channel of nearly destroying the bridge. And the Rochester Cedar River Bridge is not alone with the amount of challenges and defects it faces. That is why this request is very important to us. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of \$25 million, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Enhanced safety and access, including benefits to many Amish communities in lowa
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry

- Reduced vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tom Sturms - Sales Manager

Jacob Ford - Sales Manager



August 1, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Our Amish community really loves what they have done with the dam as it has brought business to our area. However, it would be very helpful to have a bridge on X31 built back downstream of the Lake Delhi Dam.

The increase of traffic since the breach on July 24, 2010 has become a safety concern. The sharp turn on 220th Ave. is very dangerous for our horses and buggies, especially after dark. Some of the Amish families live on both sides of the 220th Avenue bridge. With feed trucks, milk haulers, livestock trailers, school buses, personal vehicles and Amish buggies all using the same bridge and curvy highway, safety is a major issue.

Thanks for considering this letter.

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing in strong support of the ICEA who are applying for federal funding dollars to support the reconstruction of 8 selected bridges in rural Iowa communities. Bridges are an important part of the region's transportation system, due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services.

In Delaware County, the bridge over X31 failed in 2010. The detour route in the last 12 years has added many miles and continually growing total costs for each round trip on the detour. In rural communities, these extra costs are added to the cattle, hogs, grains, milk, and other products shipped to market, and to all the inputs (feed trucks, milk haulers, livestock trailers) that cannot take the most direct route to our farms. These extra costs make our farms and ag communities less competitive.

The southeast quadrant of Delaware County is home to parts of several school districts. The increased miles affect bus routes (adding many miles), safety for students traveling to and from school and extra curricular activities, and the negative financial impact on our district. The extra money transportation is costing the school districts could be far better spent on addition of teachers, necessary computers, and other educational expenses.

Safety is also a huge factor with the loss of the bridge crossing the Maquoketa River on X31. High volumes of traffic on the 220th Avenue detour which is hilly, twisting, turning and rough, making the trip longer and less safe. We also have a growing Amish community. When Amish buggies and families are added to the large volume of agricultural vehicles, school buses, personal vehicles, there is the possibility of tragic accidents.

Emergency vehicles also have much longer routes to reach the people who live along the closed X31 bridge, and on the detour route. Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services would enhance safety and access to many Delaware County citizens.

We respectfully ask you to give consideration to the construction of a bridge downstream of the dam on X31 in Delaware County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Madlom

Pete Buschmann

Delaware County Supervisors



July 11, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 Federal Highway Administration BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It has been brought to our attention that the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) is in the process of applying for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for eight Counties in Iowa.

On behalf of the citizens of Delhi, we are writing to express our support of their grant application and the much-needed project that they are trying to obtain the funding for.

We can only speak for the project that we are familiar with, but we're sure that the other seven are just as needed as ours. The bridge that they are looking to replace has been out since July 2010 and is on one of the major routes that serve our town. It had provided a vital link for our manufacturing and agricultural industries to transport their products efficiently. With the bridge being out, the detour route increases miles traveled, thus burning more fuel, and increasing the time it takes to get to where they need to go.

The detour route presents its own set of issues. It goes right through the middle of a recreational area along with several Amish farms and shops. It is not conducive for the kind of traffic that it currently must handle. There are areas of the detour route posted at 35 mph to protect the Amish community, but with the increased semi traffic and all the curves on the route, it presents major safety issues.

We have a school district that serves not only Delhi, but other communities in the area. With the bridge being out, it has made it much harder for the district to get the students to and from school. The buses must travel the same detour route that was discussed above, thus adding to the safety issues and increasing the time that the students spend on the buses. It also increases the expenses that the district must incur.

We know that the County has been putting money aside for years now to get this bridge replaced, but with the size of the project, they can only do so much. If they were to get the funding through this grant, they would be able to get this project done. A new bridge would be a huge asset for our community and all the surrounding areas. It would make travel much more efficient and would be much safer for all involved. There would also be a very positive economic impact with the bridge being built back.

In conclusion, we just want to say again, that we fully support the effort to obtain the money needed through this grant. If we can do anything to make this happen, we are ready to help any way we can.

Sincerely,

Marty Kelzer

Mayor

Aran Klostermann Mayor Pro-Tem

City of Delhi, Iowa City of Delhi, Iowa

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July 20, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Delaware County Economic Development Commission; I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for eight counties in Iowa.

The bridge that we are in need of replacing has been out since July 2010 at the time of the Lake Delhi Dam breach. Replacing this bridge is extremely important for the economic vitality of Delaware County. Having this transportation route not in place has caused for additional miles for the Maquoketa Valley School District, employment sectors including agricultural, healthcare and manufacturing. The detoured route is not efficient, costing employers and tax payers additional expenses especially additional fuel cost and safety issues. The additional amount of time it takes for our emergency services to get to a victim is also critical. As you are aware; every moment counts. The detoured route is also a major safety concern with additional homeowners on Lake Delhi along with one of our Amish communities; the increased traffic in this area is a major concern for not only Delaware County citizens; but also, to our tourism industry.

It has also been brought to our attention; that our Delaware County Supervisors have been putting money aside for many years to replace this bridge; however, with the opportunity for this BIP grant; this project would become a reality sooner than later. A new bridge would be a huge asset for the greater Delaware County area; assisting in not only our traffic safety concerns, but will also increase economic development opportunities in the greater Delaware County area.

Again, on behalf of the Delaware County Economic Development Commission; I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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August 3, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1220 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigleg:

The construction of the bridge over the Maquoketa River near the Lake Delhi Dam would be beneficial to the citizens of Delaware County in the following ways:

- Emergency response times to areas currently cut off by the missing bridge
 would be cut in half. The current detour route adds 10 minutes to the response
 time for anyone on the south side of the Dam. This results in less chance of
 survival for cardiac and stroke patients, and will be fatal for those who are
 severely bleeding.
- The current detour route places heavy semi, school and recreation traffic in an area that is frequented by Amish horses and buggies. It is only a matter of time before a fatal accident occurs.
- The current detour route costs responders, businesses and the local school district thousands in expenses related to fuel, wear and tear, and staff time.

An award from the BIP grant will provide much needed funds to restore this vital route for the citizens of Delaware County. On behalf of Delaware County Emergency Management, I support the ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to fund their proposal.

Sincerely,

Mandy Bieber

Delaware County Emergency Management Coordinator



DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF

JOHN A. LECLERE

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August 03, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I have been informed that the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) is in the process of applying for a Bridge Investment Program grant that includes a bridge project in Delaware County. That bridge in Delaware County was destroyed by severe flooding July 2010.

The bridge was located on County Road X-31 and was one of the few bridges crossing the Maquoketa River in our county. The bridge was located just south of the City of Delhi and was also a part of the Lake Delhi dam which also failed when the bridge was destroyed. The Lake Delhi area has hundreds of homes surrounding the lake and is a popular area attraction.

With the loss of the bridge emergency services including law enforcement have had increased response times to emergency calls in the City of Delhi, the Lake Delhi area, and the entire county. The next available bridge to cross the Maquoketa River adds several miles and minutes to response times. That route also has several curves and speed restrictions making an emergency response challenging.

As an elected official of Delaware County, I am aware that our county Board of Supervisors has been budgeting funds for replacement of this bridge. The size and scope of this bridge replacement project makes the likelihood of a replacement in the near future unlikely without grant assistance.

I fully support the effort to obtain grant funding to assist with this bridge replacement project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Respectfully,

John A. LeClere, Sheriff

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

Manchester, Iowa 52057

DELHI LUMBER

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July 22, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Since the closing of the road going over the dam in Delaware County in lowa, we have been confronted with numerous disadvantages. With the closing of the road, the deliveries we have to make have been taken longer time wise and mileage wise, adding to the overall costs of doing business in Delhi, where we are located. This has also added more vehicle emissions, vehicle wear and tear and safety concerns. With the addition of the Amish community this has added transportation issues and safety issues since the closing has made more traffic to travel in their area.

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Cairney, President

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Lake Delhi Bridge Project

To Whom it May Concern:

The construction of a bridge over the Maquoketa River near the Lake Delhi dam would aid the Delhi EMS Department and the community members in a number of ways. Most notably, we are estimating the construction of a bridge in this area would cut our response time in half.

Currently, according to Google Maps it takes about 10 minutes to get from the Delhi Fire Station to the South side of the Lake Delhi Dam. This route takes 250th St West out of Delhi; 220th Avenue South to 275th Street; 275th Street East to 230th Avenue. With a more direct route available, we estimate that it would take about 5 minutes or less for the Department to reach this area.

According to the American Heart Association, every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease by 7-10%. According to StopTheBleed.org, a person who is severely bleeding can bleed to death in as little as 5 minutes. Given these facts, it is extremely important for the Department to have the most efficient route available to reach all our community members in a timely manner.

The Department also provides mutual aid to Hopkinton, whose district line is just South of the Dam (Omega Rd). The Department has responded to numerous EMS calls in the last several years in this area. We estimate there are upwards of 75 homes/businesses and thousands of acres of farmland that would benefit from the construction of a bridge.



Delhi Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 2 Delhi, IA 52223



Lake Delhi Bridge Project

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Currently, according to Google Maps, it takes about 10 minutes to get from the Delhi Fire Station to the South side of the Lake Delhi Dam. This route takes 250th St West out of Delhi; 220th Avenue South to 275th Street; 275th Street East to 230th Avenue. With a more direct route available, we estimate that it would take about 5 minutes or less for the Department to reach this area.

According to Underwriters Laboratories, which conducts state-of-the-art fire safety testing, a 2-story house can be engulfed by flames in as little as 4 minutes depending on the conditions. According to the American Heart Association, every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease by 7-10%. Given these facts, it is extremely important for the Department to have the most efficient route available to reach all our community members in a timely manner.

The Delhi Fire Department has a dry hydrant on the North side of the Lake Delhi Dam which would make transporting water to the South side of the Dam much more efficient given the construction of a bridge. The Department also provides mutual aid to Hopkinton, whose district line is just South of the Dam (Omega Rd). The Department has responded to numerous fire calls in the last several years in this area. We estimate there are upwards of 75 homes/businesses and thousands of acres of farmland that would benefit from the construction of a bridge.

LARRY R. SHOVER, PRESIDENT IOWA STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION 2403 OMEGA ROAD DELHI, IOWA 52223

July 25, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the building of a bridge connecting the north and south sides of Highway X-31 in Delaware County. The breach and destruction of the dam and road on it July 24, 2010 was caused by fifteen inches of rain falling in two days over a wide area north of the dam.

Since then, there have been ongoing, continually growing total costs for the 2 miles each way or 4 miles for each round trip on the detour. The 220th Avenue detour is hilly, twisting, turning and rough, further lengthening the time to make the trip and making it less safe.

It results in longer reaction times for emergency responders and longer trips to hospitals for someone in need of care.

220th Avenue is more congested because of the X-31 traffic being funneled to it. This problem is magnified by our growing Amish population who necessarily rely on horses and buggies. Bicyclists, walkers, runners, RV's and boats, slow-moving wagons and machines, livestock and grain trailers and trucks add to the dangers.

Highway X-31 is straighter and, with the suspension bridge, will be more direct and divert much traffic from 220th Avenue, making both routes safer. Because of the detour, school bus routes are more costly. Other schools and citizens attending events at the Maquoketa Valley Schools are also burdened.

We are proud of our schools and students and encourage participation in extra-curricular activities. Unfortunately, that student involvement is sometimes limited by the costs of getting to and from school, with four miles and extra time being added to each round trip because of the detour. If they do still participate, these extra costs can further strain family budgets.

I am a farmer who grew up and currently live 2 miles south of the dam and 1 ¼ miles east at 2403 Omega Road, Delhi. I am currently serving as President of the Iowa State Dairy Association, representing about 1,000 dairy farm families and our industry's infrastructure such as milk haulers, feed, milking and feeding equipment, veterinarians, animal health, artificial insemination and all the crop input.

Delaware County is still a leading dairy county. Dairy is important to our area, its economy and social

structure. Our milk needs to be moved to processing plants, much of it out of lowa north and east to Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. These four extra round trip miles because of the detour add costs to a system that is already severely stressed.

Similarly, extra costs are added to the cattle, hogs, grains, and other products shipped to market and all the inputs that cannot take the most direct route to our farms. These extra costs make our farms less competitive.

For the past 12 years, our area families, farms and economy have borne tremendous extra costs from those extra miles and disruptions.

I applaud the Lake Delhi people, our county supervisors and state government for their work and commitment in rebuilding the dam and bringing this bridge into the realm of possibility.

I encourage them now to work together with the federal government and finish the job by building the bridge.

Sincerely,

Larry R. Shover

President, Iowa State Dairy Association



July 27, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

On behalf of the Maquoketa Valley Community School District, I am writing in support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal dollars through the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for eight counties in Iowa.

The bridge in need of replacement is on a primary road leading to our school district and has been out since July 2010 due to a Lake Delhi Dam breach. Because this road is no longer in use, our bus driver must take an alternate route which adds extra time and miles to our routes daily.

While the detour route costs the district thousands of extra dollars per year, the greater concern of the alternate route is safety. We currently have many Amish families who live and drive horses and buggies on the current detour routes. We would be creating a much safer traveling experience for us and the Amish if we did not have to drive our buses on this route. The bridge would also allow emergency vehicles direct access to community members as they could avoid the current detour.

The Delaware County Supervisors have been saving money for the replacement of the bridge for many years. An award from this BIP grant will provide much needed funds for the replacement of the Delhi Dam bridge. This bridge will provide economic and safety enhancements and will be a tremendous asset to our community.

On behalf of the Maquoketa Valley Community School District, I fully support the ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to strongly consider their proposal.

Sincerely,

Dave Hoeger

Maquoketa Valley Community School District Superintendent



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lowa County Engineers Association:

Please note that the SilverEdge Cooperative, supports the efforts of Delaware County, in seeking grant funding for replacement of the bridge across Lake Delhi.

As an agriculture based company, serving our local farmers with feed, seed, petroleum, fertilizer and many more farm inputs, the replacement of the bridge is very important to us and our farmer/members.

Thank you,

Tony Hemann

General Manager, SilverEdge Cooperative

StanleyBlack&Decker

July 11, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 Federal Highway Administration BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges serving rural communities of Iowa. I understand that all of the eight projects will have their own set of unique benefits, I can specifically address the benefits of the one that most effects our manufacturing plants.

We operate manufacturing plants in the Cities of Delhi and Manchester that employs 640 people between the two locations. The bridge that the county is looking to replace, should they receive the grant money, is located on a major collector route about 2 miles south of our Delhi facility.

Since the bridge washed out in 2010 we and our suppliers have had to travel additional miles to get deliveries and to send out product. The new bridge would greatly reduce miles traveled and thus fuel consumption for these things to occur. We also have several employees that it would reduce their travel time too.

The current detour for this bridge is located on a road that has a lot of sharp curves that are not best suited for semi traffic. The detour route also has several Amish families that live along the road so that along with the additional semi traffic using the road creates a huge safety issue. So the new bridge would be a huge improvement to the safety in those areas.

We also have a school district in the town that when the bridge washed out, it basically cut the district in half. I can't speak for the school, but I'm sure that they have had to add additional time that the kids have to stay on the buses and absorb additional expenses due to the increase in the miles needed to be traveled in order to get the kids back and forth from school.

So in closing I just want to say that if the county would be fortunate enough to receive this grant it would be a great benefit to not only our operation, but to the surrounding communities and school districts.

Sincerely,

Shawn Britt, Plant Manager

Stanley Black and Decker

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Dear Delaware County Supervisors:

I recently learned in conversations with Supervisor Madlom that all of you have been diligently working on a grant application to one of our Federal agencies for offsetting funds to construct a new bridge across the Maquoketa River just south of the Lake Delhi dam. I wanted to reach out to let you know that I wholeheartedly support the work that you are doing on this project. As the former school superintendent for Maquoketa Valley Community Schools, I was well aware of the impact the breach of the dam and the loss of the bridge on the south end of the lake had on our school district. With the increase in miles driven to cross the river from the previous location on X31 to now going to the bridge at 220th Avenue, this significantly increased the morning and afternoon bus route mileage that district busses had to travel to pick up our children living in the southern portion of our district. With the increased mileage this also increased the time that students were riding on the school busses. Longer route times have meant earlier pick-up times and later drop-off times which is not academically healthy for kids. The loss of the Lake Delhi dam also increased mileage for the Maquoketa Valley Schools activities programs (athletics, speech, Vo-Ag, etc.) when they traveled south for their events. With the loss of the bridge this has increased district transportation expenditures for the past 10 years. If I recall, the school district incurred approximately an additional \$10,000 per year due to the increased transportation costs. In times of leaner budgets this increased transportation expenditure takes away from additional academic and activity programming for our kids (especially in this year of the pandemic).

As a resident of Delaware County, it also makes complete sense to replace the bridge across the Maquoketa river on X31 so our emergency services (fire, ambulance, law enforcement) has quicker and easier access to the southern portions of our school district. Simply put, sooner response times will save lives and property. Replacing the bridge will also provide easier access to those families that live in the southern portion as they make their way to work in Delhi or to the school buildings in Delhi and Earlville.

Please know I truly appreciate the efforts you have taken to this point to try and replace this piece of infrastructure that is essential to our needs in Delaware County. If I can assist in this process in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your service to Delaware County,

Doug and Sara Tuetken 2667 220th Avenue Delhi, Iowa 52223

East Central Intergovernmental Association a regional response to local needs

August 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Bridge Investment Program



Re: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write on behalf of the Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA 8) to convey our strong support for the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for Delaware County. The County is focused on improving transportation systems that support the movement of people and goods in the region.

I would like to extend my support for the ICEA's application for the BIP grant. The ICEA application for improvements in Delaware County is vital to the transportation connectivity and economy of not only the county but for the region.

Completing this project will ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods for decades to come and help the County to reduce response time for emergency systems.

I am pleased to support the ICEA's BIP Grant application for improvements in Delaware County. This project is important to the economic vitality of the region; it will improve the quality of life and allow the County to improve the condition of key infrastructure.

Sincerely, Kelley H. Dentmeyen

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ECIA Executive Director



August 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1220 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The construction of the bridge over the Maquoketa River near the Lake Delhi Dam would be beneficial to the citizens of Delaware County and Regional Transit Authority 8 (RTA 8) in the following ways:

- RTA 8 response times to areas currently cut off by the missing bridge would be cut in half. The current detour route adds 15 20 minutes for RTA to serve clints on the south side of the dam.
- The current detour route places heavy semi, school and recreation traffic in an area that is frequented by Amish horses and buggies. This will have an impact on the RTA performance.
- The current detour route costs responders, businesses and the local school districts thousands in expenses related to fuel, wear and tear, and staff time.

An award from the Bridge Improvement Program grant will provide much needed funds to restore this vital route for the RTA. On behalf of Regional Transit Authority 8, I support the ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to fund their proposal.

Sincerely,

Chandra Ravada

Director of Transportation, Planning and Transit Services





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July 27, 2022

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

RE: CN Letter of Support for the Williams Overpass Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express support for Hamilton County's request as part of a joint application made by the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) and seven other Iowa Counties as they submit a grant application for a Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The BIP award would provide these counties with additional funding to reconstruct bridges including the Williams Overpass bridge over the Canadian National Railway Company tracks.

Nowhere is this point of meeting of local concerns and interstate commerce more pronounced than in the issue of bridge safety. The freight rail line passing through Hamilton County is an important rail corridor in Iowa, so the potential for improvement to the current bridge infrastructure is critical. CN continuously seeks opportunities to work with the state and local communities to enhance safety through these replacement projects.

Replacement of the Williams bridge overpass will greatly benefit public safety and convenience in Hamilton County.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lyons

Manager, Government Affairs

CITY OF WILLIAMS

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing you today on behalf of the City of Williams in support of the Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal. This proposal will give eight Iowa counties an avenue to improve safety, mobility, access, and economic growth by funding the replacement of eight critical bridges.

The Williams Overpass, the bridge submitted by Hamilton County, is essential for the efficient transport of emergency service providers, local students, crops, machinery, fertilizer (including some manufactured right here in Williams as well other locations in the county), livestock, as well as many other commodities due to it being the only direct passage over the Chicago, Central, and Pacific Railroad. It also provides an emergency detour route for Interstate 35 when closure is necessary due to inclement weather or an accident.

Hamilton County and the City of Williams have worked together to secure partial funding of the project with the lowa DOT City Bridge Fund Program, which will provide \$1,000,000 towards replacement of the bridge. This funding represents approximately 25% of the funding needed to replace this bridge, with a current estimated cost of \$4,000,000. By awarding the 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant, you will enable us to proceed with replacing this critical component of the rural infrastructure of Hamilton County and the City of Williams.

We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hiemstra

Mayor, City of Williams

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July 6, 2022



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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter of support from the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for the Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal. This funding opportunity gives eight Iowa counties a method to fund the replacement of eight critical bridges that will improve safety, mobility, access, and economic growth.

The bridge submitted by Hamilton County, known locally as the Williams Overpass, is part of a network that carries crops to market, fertilizer to the fields, children to school, and emergency services to those in need of help. The City of Williams and the surrounding rural area depend on this bridge as the only direct route across the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad. This bridge also provides the nearest available emergency detour route for Intestate Highway 35 in case of a weather or crash related closure.

The estimated project cost (\$4.0 Million) equals over 14 years of County Highway Bridge Program funds, making it exceedingly difficult to replace. Hamilton County has 105 bridges, of which 20 are rated "poor". By providing an alternative funding source for this project, we can replace this 80-year-old bridge, and continue to replace other less costly projects simultaneously. This Grant application, and the bridge projects it would fund, represent a collaborative effort of Local, State, and Federal Government to improve quality of life through a smart investment in desperately needed infrastructure. We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rick Young

Chairman, Hamilton County Board of Supervisors

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter of support for the Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal. Hamilton County Farm Bureau supports this project proposal and the opportunity to address the replacement of eight critical bridges that will improve safety, access to services and the marketplace and promote rural growth in eight Iowa counties.

The bridge submitted by Hamilton County, known locally as the Williams Overpass, is part of a critical roadway network that carries crops to market, fertilizer to the fields, children to school, and emergency services to those in need of help. The areas surrounding the City of Williams depend on this bridge as the only direct route across the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad. This bridge also provides the nearest available emergency detour route for Intestate Highway 35 in case of a weather or crash related closure.

Without federal assistance, the size and scope of this project would limit the reconstruction priority for this aging bridge. According to our County Supervisors, the estimated project cost (\$4.0 Million) equals over 14 years of County Highway Bridge Program funds. Hamilton County has 105 bridges, of which 20 are rated "poor" and need addressed. By providing an alternative funding source for the Williams Overpass project, this 80-year-old bridge could be replaced. This would allow the County, to continue their work to replace other less costly projects during the timeline of this project. This Grant application, and the span of eight bridge projects it would fund within eight Iowa counties, represent a collaborative effort of local decision makers, State and Federal governments.

We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and ask you to give your full consideration to their proposal.

Sincerely,

Hamilton County Farm Bureau Randy Greufe, President Mark Tapper, Vice President



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To: Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
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Consider this letter of support from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the ICEA Bridges for Iowa-Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This funding provides the opportunity for eight Iowa Counties to fund the replacement of eight critical bridges that will improve safety, mobility, access and economic growth.

Hamilton County residents know the bridge submitted by Hamilton County as the Williams overpass. This bridge as it stands now causes many concerns for emergency responders and residents of Hamilton County. The width of the bridge now causes great concern when two vehicle meet, as there is not much room for error. The proposed bridge is 16' wider and would provide more room for vehicles.

The vertical profile of the current bridge is a major concern. Vehicles traveling the bridge cannot see oncoming traffic, until they meet on the bridge.

Williams has a large Fourth of July Celebration every year that is attended by hundreds of citizens. They attend the parade in the morning and the fireworks at night. When they leave the Sheriff's Office directs traffic to avoid backups and accidents mainly because of the bridge. When traveling southbound across the bridge, you come across the first intersection off R-75 to enter Williams. This intersection is within a couple hundred feet. If traffic stopped in the roadway, there is a good possibility of a traffic collision.

By awarding this grant this would make the replacement of the bridge possible. Making Hamilton County safer for our citizens and those passing through.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas D. Timmons

Hamilton County Sheriff

Douglas D. Timmons

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Tim Zahn—Emergency Management Coordinator

July 5, 2022

Federal Highway Administration Attn: Secretary of Transportation – Pete Buttigieg 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Secretary Buttigieg:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the grant proposal being submitted to the Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant by Hamilton County, Iowa Secondary Roads Engineer, and the Iowa County Engineering Association.

The bridge Hamilton County is requesting funding from this grant is the Bridge on Vail Avenue (R75) over the Chicago, Central, & Pacific RR Company. The project will increase the bridge width from 24 feet to 40 feet. The bridge serves as a traffic link between two I-35 Interchanges and is useful as an emergency detour for I-35 closures due to weather events or crashes. This bridge provides the only route north out of the town of Williams, across the CC&P Railroad. Surrounding rural areas to the north of Williams depend on this route for access to business in Williams, as well as emergency services.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Hamilton County, Iowa Secondary Roads Engineer, and the Iowa County Engineering Association as they seek external funding to support the reconstruction of this bridge, helping to improve safety, mobility, access, and economic growth in the region. Any programs that can help strengthen and improve our infrastructure and to keep our communities safe and commerce flowing are vital to our nation.

Sincerely,

Tim Zahn

Hamilton County, Iowa

Emergency Management Agency Coordinator



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July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration Attn: Secretary of Transportation – Pete Buttigieg 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Re: Bridge Replacement

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Hamilton County Conservation Board fully supports the grant proposal submitted by the Hamilton County Engineer for the replacement of the Williams Overpass Bridge located on County Road R75 (Vail Avenue) that spans the Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad. The bridge project will increase the bridge width from 24 feet to 40 feet and increase the safety of crossing the bridge in respect to today's agriculture equipment. This will also help support travelers to and from our county parks, campgrounds and natural resource management areas. Future planning of trails to this area of the county could be considered with having a wider bridge in place as well. Any programs that can help improve our infrastructure and keep our communities safer is important to all those that live, work and visit our county.

Respectfully,

Brian Lammers
Executive Director

Brian Lammers

Hamilton County Conservation

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August 1, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Iowa Select Farms, I am writing to express my strong support for the Iowa County Engineers Association's (ICEA) application for federal funding dollars through the U.S. Department of Transportation 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This vital request would support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa, a critical need given that Iowa is ranked third for most structurally deficient bridges in the country.

These specific bridge projects are a critical part of our region's transportation system. The quality of this infrastructure directly impacts the quality of life of those who live in rural Iowa. When our bridges are structurally strong, we can ensure our employees are able to travel to and from work safely, transport our animals to market efficiently and provide fertilizer to farmers through our manure application.

Without this funding, it would likely take over a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. In our rural communities, farms, markets, community facilities, underserved populations and those in need of timely emergency services all depend on structurally efficient bridges. As our bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished which directly reduces the quality of life for our employees and the ability for agriculture producers to conduct business efficiently and sustainably.

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Iowa Select Farms fully supports ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and we urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal.

Sincerely,

Ali Kraber

Director of Public Affairs, Iowa Select Farms



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July 25, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: Hamilton County R75 Williams, IA Overpass Bridge BIP Grant

Dear Mr. Buttigieg,

I am writing today to support a BIP (Bridge Investment Program) Grant for the Hamilton County R75 Williams Overpass Bridge that spans the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad (CN) on the north edge of Williams, Iowa.

Hamilton County Road R75 is a major trucking route for grain in the area as well as for construction aggregates that are supplied from Martin Marietta's Alden Quarry, which is located northeast of Williams. The R75 Williams Overpass Bridge is a critical bridge to haul aggregates for projects and customers to the west and south of Martin Marietta's Alden Quarry. The bridge also serves as a traffic link between two I-35 Interstate Interchanges and is useful as an emergency detour for I-35 closures due to weather events and crashes.

The proposed new bridge would be wider than the existing bridge making it safer for trucks as well as passenger vehicles to meet on the bridge. Although the bridge currently does not have a load rating restriction it has been discussed by Hamilton County officials that weight restrictions will be needed in the near future. A load restriction on this bridge would require either an alternate route for loaded trucks, which would increase freight costs due to additional mileage, or would require smaller payloads for trucks using this route that would also increase freight costs.

The current bridge was constructed in 1933. The bridge has had major repairs twice over its lifetime and future repairs to the bridge will not be cost effective.

Please consider issuing a BIP Grant for this much needed project.

Thank you,

Mark Johnson VP/GM Alden District Martin Marietta mark.johnson@martinmarietta.com July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration
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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Summit Agricultural Group is in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction and expansion of the Williams Overpass Bridge located on the west edge of Williams, Iowa. This is an important request, as this bridge is an essential part of the region's transportation system providing a primary link between farm and market, community facilities and those in need of timely transportation and emergency services. Summit Agricultural Group utilizes this bridge not only for our local employees, but this bridge is an imperative when it comes to maintaining business commerce. As bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are at risk.

Summit Agricultural Group fully supports ICEA's request for funding through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Eric Peterson President Dr. Mandy Ross, Superintendent Mary Ellen Draeger, Secretary Kathy Biere, Secretary/Treasurer



Beth Van Diest, **President**Eric Patterson, **Vice President**Dave Stoakes, **Director**Kelsey Clarken, **Director**Sally Greenfield, **Director**

July 5, 2022

Federal Highway Administration Attn: Secretary of Transportation – Pete Buttigieg 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

As you're aware, rural bridges in the United States are sorely in need of updating to support rural communities, agriculture, and education. As Superintendent and Director of Transportation for the Webster City Community School District, we are writing in support Hamilton County's application for a Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant to assist with costs to replace the Williams Overpass Bridge. Many of our students depend on this bridge as they travel to and from school. The bridge, which is located on R75 and spans the Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad, was constructed in 1932 and is vital to the transportation of Webster City students. Currently, we have two buses that cross this bridge each morning and afternoon of the school year. Additionally, we have a preschool bus that crosses the bridge at noon each day. There are also six students who drive themselves that also depend on this bridge to provide them a safe route to and from school.

As you can see, this bridge is vital to the transportation of Webster City Community School District students. Since repair of the bridge is no longer a cost-effective solution for Hamilton County, we are supporting Hamilton County Engineer Ryan Weidemann's application for a Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant to help partially fund the construction of this bridge.

Sincerely.

Dr. Mandy L. Ross

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Ted Larson

Director of Transportation

Jones County Secondary Roads

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July 21, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties. In addition, transportation of our students to school and to events depends on accessible roads and safe bridges.

With a BIP award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Enhanced safety and access, including benefits to many Amish communities in Iowa
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry
- Reduced vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Darren D. Hanna

Superintendent of Schools

Anamosa Community School District

Federal Highway Administration

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Re Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing in regards to federal funding for the 2022 BIP program and our application for replacing the over 100-year-old bridge on Landis Road, (Jackson 19) in Jones County Iowa.

Our bridge, constructed in 1909, is narrow and has a 3-ton load limit. Safety is a priority. Our fire department and ambulance service cannot cross it. Farmers equipment is too heavy and too large. The alternative is to get on a well-traveled 4 lane highway with a 65 MPH speed limit (read 75 MPH). Tractors and farm equipment don't mix well with this traffic.

We support the replacement of this bridge.

Thank You,

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of \$25 million, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Enhanced safety and access, including benefits to many Amish communities in lowa
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry
- Reduced vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jon Zirkelbach, Chairman

Jeff Swisher, Vice-Chairman

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Joe Oswald

July 8, 2022

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RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Jones County Economic Development is a public-private partnership dedicated to strengthening the economic base in Jones County by assisting existing businesses, attracting new investments and jobs, and fostering a business climate favorable for economic growth. We understand that this type of favorable business climate is greatly assisted through sustainable transportation and infrastructure projects, including ones like the Landis Bridge Replacement.

Quality transportation infrastructure is a huge advantage to small rural counties like Jones. The improvement to a farm-to-market roadway will allow many farming industries to stay competitive. Off system (county, city owned) bridges balance safety and mobility of local community needs. With our primary focus on quick movement of goods and services to areas across the country, Jones County relies on these secondary and tertiary avenues to get our products to markets faster. From agricultural to manufacturing needs, these alternate routes help guarantee that Jones County can stay competitive in more urban markets, especially those designed around multiple modes of transportation.

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request as Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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Not only will this bridge project help with the movement of products and services, it can also help in two other monumental ways for Jones County: Workforce and tourism. Workforce is a hot button issue, but the communities that can work to get workers from their homes to work faster are going to have an advantage. When dealing with a lot of rural workers, quick shortcuts that route around major thoroughfares are a strategic advantage that most metro areas do not have. On the flip side, tourism is a booming business for Jones County, especially the recognition and enjoyment of all our quality scenery and outdoor recreation. These are essential ingredients to a successful and growing community and region.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Jones County Economic Development is excited to see the end result of this process. We are supportive of these efforts and would like to encourage you to consider funding this great project. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by calling 319-480-7446 or emailing director@jonescountydevelopment.com

Sincerely,

Derek Lumsden, Executive Director Jones County Economic Development



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August 11, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

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Sincerely,

Brenda Leonard, Coordinator Jones County EMA



Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov July 8, 2022

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We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,
Jones County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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RE: lowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

This bridge repair will help our buses by making it so we can get across the Wapsipinicon River. As of right I have deemed it not safe for our buses to be on, so we are going all the way around. It will make our commute time between trips shorter and helps us to be more efficient in our day-to-day operations.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ginter

Jones County Jets Director





July 11, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

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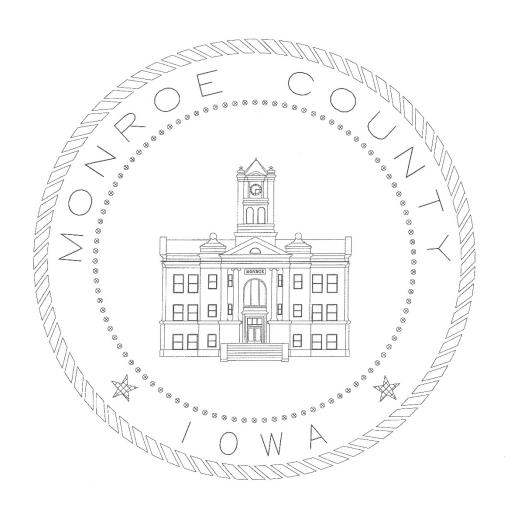
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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Richert

CEO





8-24-2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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As one of Iowa's Regional/Small Urban Public Transit entities I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jay Allison

Director 10-15 Transit

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July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Albia Fire Department covers a large area in Monroe County. We understand Monroe County has a proposed bridge project that is part of the Iowa County Engineering Association's grant application. The proposed bridge project provides a direct route from the City of Albia to the unincorporated community of Avery which includes approximately 50 residential structures. If the Monroe County bridge project does not proceed and the bridge is further restricted or closed, the emergency response time to the region and to the community of Avery will be significantly increased which could be detrimental in an emergency situation.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for this proposal.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

John Freshwater, Fire Chief - Albia Fire Department



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Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Albia Community School District supports the Iowa County Engineering Association's (ICEA) application for funding through the **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)** grant.

The ICEA application for the BIP funds includes a bridge project located in Monroe County. The Monroe County project is located on a paved route that our district utilizes to transport students to the Albia School District from the northeast region of Monroe County including the unincorporated community of Avery.

We respectfully request that you will consider granting the BIP funds requested in this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Crall, Superintendent Albia Community School District

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Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe Counties Emergency Management Agency And Homeland Security

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July 27, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, and Monroe County (ADLM) Emergency Management Agency supports the Iowa County Engineering Association's (ICEA) application for funding through the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant.

ADLM Emergency Management develops and maintains the Emergency Operations Plans for Monroe County along with other emergency preparedness and response initiatives for the region. As we understand, Monroe County is one of eight Iowa counties that are included in the application to receive funding from this grant to replace severely degraded rural bridges.

Monroe County secondary road infrastructure provides access to all public safety response. The proposed bridge project in Monroe County provides direct access to the unincorporated community of Avery and to the northeast region of Monroe County. If the proposed bridge project does not proceed and the bridge is further restricted, the emergency response to the region will be severely affected especially when considering fire response. Response times will in some cases double in this rural area and negatively impact life safety outcomes.

Secondary road infrastructure in Monroe County is critical to the region and our agency. We respectfully request that you will consider granting the BIP funds requested in this proposal to assist us in keeping Monroe County residents safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Lamb - ADLM Emergency Management Coordinator

July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Indian Hills Regional Development (IHRD) supports Monroe County's and the Iowa County Engineering Association's (ICEA) efforts to attract funding through the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application.

IHRD is a non-profit corporation with a mission to promote cooperative economic development efforts within Mahaska, Monroe, and Wapello counties of Iowa with a focus on the Iowa Bioprocessing Center located in northeast Monroe County, near Eddyville, Iowa. The success of the Center is the partnerships between various private businesses, local governments, regional utilities and educational institutions which include: Ajinomoto Heartland, LLC; Ajinomoto Food Ingredients, LLC; Cargill, Inc.; Eddyville Chlor-Alkali, LLC; Wacker Chemical Corporation; Alliant Energy; MidAmerican Energy; Indian Hills Community College; Albia Industrial Development Corporation; Mahaska Community Development Group; Mahaska County Agriculture & Rural Development; Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development Group; Ottumwa Economic Development Corporation; and Opportunity² Region.

The companies located at the Iowa Bioprocessing Center produce a multitude of products from corn utilizing bioprocessing and bio-manufacturing processes and technology. With a semi arriving every 30 seconds, an excellent transportation system is vital to the success of the Center.

The secondary road infrastructure in Monroe County and in Iowa provide safe and economical routes to transport products to and from the Center. We understand that a bridge project in Monroe County is part of this grant application. The Monroe County project is on a Farm-to-Market route that many utilize to transport products to and from the Center.

The BIP grant would be a great step for Monroe County and for the State of Iowa towards needed improvements to our infrastructure and we look forward to the projects getting underway.

Thank you for your work on this proposal.

David Vollmar, Chairperson – Indian Hills Regional Development



July 12, 2022

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

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association's 2022 Bridge Investment Program - Bridge Project.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I would like to extend my support to Washington County's and Monroe County's application for the Bridge Investment Program - Bridge Project Grant (BIP – Bridge Project Grant). In conjunction with Iowa DOT the Iowa County Engineering Association (ICEA) is completing an application for funds granted by U.S. DOT. The proposed local bridge projects are vital to the transportation connectivity and economy of the southeast Iowa regional transportation network.

Completing the county bridge projects – to reconstruct two bridges and remove one bridge on the county road system in rural southeast lowa – will ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods for decades to come. The counties bridge projects are also vital to agricultural and emergency services for underserved rural communities in the counties of Washington and Monore.

Other project benefits include:

- Improve the condition and resilience of the existing transportation facilities and system,
- Safety and access benefits, including benefits to Amish communities in southeast Iowa,
- Improve transportation connectivity for the traveling public and agricultural industry,
- Raise the grade of an existing bridge to meet clearance requirements for BNSF.
- Raise the grade of an existing bridge to reduce flooding and overtopping.
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries,
- Improve system resiliency, reliability, and continuity on Farm-to-Market routes.

I am pleased to support Washington County's and Monroe County's BIP - Bridge Project Grant application. These projects are important because they improve the condition of key bridge infrastructure in rural communities that are critical for agricultural and emergency services, economic vitality, and the quality of life of rural residents in southeast Iowa.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Younie

Acting District Engineer

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District 5







MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 2, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors supports the proposal to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)** grant application through the Iowa County Engineering Association (ICEA). As part of the ICEA application, Monroe County is one of eight Iowa counties that would receive funding from this grant to replace a severely degraded rural bridge along a major Farm-to-Market route in Monroe County.

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors, through the Secondary Roads Department, continues to maintain an aging system with limited resources. If this application is successful, Monroe County Secondary Roads would not only complete this necessary bridge project but then would have the financial ability to advance other necessary bridge projects which in turn will have a larger impact across multiple areas of our county infrastructure system.

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors through the Secondary Roads Department have historically had a strong commitment to constructing and maintaining the secondary road system in Monroe County. This proposal is a great opportunity to strengthen these efforts on a local level.

Thank you for your work on this proposal.

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Sincerely,

John W. Hughes, Chairman - Monroe County Board of Supervisors

Michael R. Beary, Member - Monroe County Board of Supervisors

Dennis Amoss, Member - Monroe County Board of Supervisors



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August 24, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal (BIP)

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The Monroe County Hospital & Clinics Emergency Services provides ambulatory and pre-hospital (ambulance) services for Monroe County which includes the unincorporated community of Avery. We understand Monroe County is working with the Iowa County Engineering Association to make an application for a grant to replace a severely degraded bridge located in Monroe County. The Monroe County bridge is located on a paved Farm-to-Market route that provides direct access from the Monroe County Hospital to the unincorporated community of Avery and to the northeast region of Monroe County.

We respectfully request that you consider granting the BIP funds requested in this proposal which will help bring needed improvements to the secondary road infrastructure in Monroe County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Leedom, Emergency Services Manager – Monroe County Hospital & Clinics

July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Monroe County Sheriff's Department supports the Iowa County Engineering Association's (ICEA) application for funding through the Bride Investment Program (BIP) grant.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Department patrols approximately 552 miles of roads in Monroe County. The proposed bridge project in Monroe County is on a paved route that provides direct access from the City of Albia to the unincorporated community of Avery and to the northeast region of Monroe County. If the proposed bridge project does not proceed and the bridge is further restricted, the emergency response to the region and to the community of Avery will be greatly affected.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Dan Johnson, Sheriff - Monroe County



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July 27, 2022

Federal Highway Commission 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Southeast Iowa Response Group (SIRG) supports the Iowa County Engineering Association's (ICEA) application for funding through the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant.

The Southeast Iowa Response Group is an eleven County Haz Mat Response Group that responds to Monroe County for haz mat emergencies. I understand Monroe County is one of eight Iowa counties that are included in the application to receive funding from this grant to replace severely degraded rural bridges.

The Monroe County secondary road infrastructure provided access to SIRG's coverage area in rural Monroe County. The proposed bridge project in Monroe County provides direct access to the unincorporated community of Avery and to the northeast region of Monroe County. If the proposed bridge project does not proceed and the bridge is further restricted, the emergency response to the region will be severely affected.

The secondary road infrastructure in Monroe County is important to the region and our agency. We respectfully request that you will consider granting the BIP funds requested in this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Miller-Southeast Iowa Response Group Director





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Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Secretary Buttigieg,

The Bi-State Regional supports the Scott County Secondary Roads Department efforts to apply for United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon Overflow bridge on Y68 (Scott Park Road). This is a joint application for funding along with seven Iowa counties to reconstruct selected bridges in each of their respective rural communities throughout Iowa.

These projects are an important part of the transportation system due to the impact these bridges have on the local and regional network. The bridges are part of the State of Iowa's critical agricultural and community routes. Also, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are at risk and emergency services will be hindered. Each of the counties involved in this grant proposal have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction.

A BIP award of up to \$25 million, will provide the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges offering a variety of benefits including improved: access to community/emergency services, safety benefits, transportation connectivity, reductions in vehicle emissions, economic opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries, system resiliency, and potential support for broadband infrastructure.

The Bi-State Regional Commission concurs that all of the above benefits will be enhanced with the project implementation as described in the application. In addition, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9 sets as goals both accessibility/mobility and system preservation. The Scott County Y68 project implementation will help meet these goals in Region 9.

The Bi-State Regional Commission strongly supports the application joint county application and appreciate the collaboration created by the statewide effort.

Sincerely,

Denise Bulat

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Executive Director Bi-State Regional Commission

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July 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dan Peterson Superintendent

Clinton County Board of Supervisors

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July 21, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished.

Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
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- Reduced vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

We fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jim Irwin, Jr.

Vice-Chairman, on behalf of the Clinton County Board of Supervisors

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Bill Greenwalt

July 26, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,





1010 6th Avenue DeWitt, Iowa 52742 Phone: 563-659-8500 www.dewittiowa.org



August 5, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company's strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) application for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

Did you know that Iowa ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country? That awful ranking and the essential role these eight bridges play on the local and regional transportation system positions this application as a priority. These eight bridge are often the primary if not only link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those citizens in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished, many with significant additions to commute times to utilize alternate routes.

Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that if not for this possible federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize their limited local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for these underserved communities in Iowa's rural counties.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express my full support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program. I urge you to give your complete and fair consideration to their proposal.

Sincerely,

Angela Rheingans President & CEO

DeWitt Chamber & Development Company

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Growing Greatness Together through Small Town Values and a World of Opportunities

July 25, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Scott Community School District strongly supports the Scott County Secondary Roads Department efforts, along with the Iowa County Engineers Association's (ICEA) and the seven additional Iowa counties proposal for federal funding dollars through the USDOT 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The grant funding would help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon River Overflow Bridge on Y68, along with seven selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, vital services will be hindered for underserved communities in these counties. River crossings, such as the Scott County and Clinton County Bridge, are critical to our district's ability to provide safe and economical transportation for our students.

Unfortunately, lowa is #3 in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges and the majority of these bridges are owned by the counties. Each of the counties involved in this grant proposal have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to their proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express support for Scott County and the ICEA proposal for the 2022 BIP grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Stutting

Superintendent

Joe Stitting

North Scott Community School District

OFFICE OF

CLINTON COUNTY RECORDER SCOTT A. JUDD

1900 NORTH THIRD STREET CLINTON, IA 52732

July 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: lowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Scott A, Judd

Clinton County Recorder



August 12, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, I am happy to submit this letter of support for the Scott County Secondary Roads Department's application for the 2022 USDOT Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant to help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon Overflow bridge on Y68.

lowa ranks #3 in the nation for structurally deficient bridges. These bridges are part of critical agricultural and community routes and are vital to the growth of the region. Without federal assistance, it will likely take over a decade to fund reconstruction and the bridges will continue to deteriorate beyond safe use. Upgrading the Scott Park Road bridge will improve access and connectivity throughout the Quad Cities Region.

Investing in the Quad Cities transportation system has been a pillar of the Quad Cities Chamber's regional priorities for years. Improving the safety of this bridge access will help various industries including agriculture and tourism by connecting our more rural communities with our urban centers. Funding from BIP will not only increase traveler safety but will also facilitate regional long-term growth and economic development in the Quad Cities Region.

Developing long-term infrastructure goals that enhance and encourage regional growth is a priority for the QC Chamber. Therefore, the Chamber fully supports Scott County's investment and request for the Wapsipinicon Overflow bridge. The Quad Cities need your help upgrading our regional infrastructure for a robust transportation system connecting all communities of the Quad Cities.

Sincerely,

LaDrina Wilson

CEO

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce



4640 E. 56th Street, Davenport, IA 52807 (309) 757-8250

August 4, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I support Scott County Secondary Roads Department along with the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) and the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) application for a 2022 US DOT Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant to help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon Overflow bridge on Y68 (Dubuque Highway).

This bridge is a valuable component in the local transportation network. We are in the aggregates business and provide high quality materials to the area and the bridge provides an additional access to our business from customers. Without the reconstruction the bridge our customers located to the north of our site will have to travel up to twenty miles additional miles which will impact the local roads. The bridge will also provide citizens access to goods and services in two different counties.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brem R. Dockery

Brian L. Dockery Vice President

Community and Government Relations

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August 9, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Scott County Board of Supervisors fully support the Iowa County Engineers Association's (ICEA), in conjunction with the Scott County Secondary Roads Department, proposal for federal funding dollars through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This grant funding will help reconstruct the Wapsipinicon River Overflow bridge on County Road Y68 (old US Route 61) that extends between Scott and Clinton Counties, along with seven (7) selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. These bridge projects are an important and integral part of Iowa's transportation system that serve their respective local and regional networks and communities.

Scott County, Iowa, has some of the most productive farmland in the world. As these bridges continue to deteriorate and weight limits are reduced, critical agricultural and community routes are affected and diminished. Benefits in Iowa for replacement of these bridges include improved farm-to-market roadways allowing many farming industries to remain competitive in our world markets and to provide freight traffic access to local communities. Replacing these bridges will also provide modern, up-to date means to support improvement to the rural broadband infrastructure where fiber crosses rivers and streams into rural communities that currently have limited connectivity.

lowa is #3 in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges and most of these bridges are county owned. Without federal assistance, it will likely take each county more than a decade to obtain local funding to reconstruct these bridges. As a result, vital community and emergency services will likely be hindered for years to come for underserved communities in these counties.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors request your full and fair consideration to their proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express our support for the ICEA and Scott County proposal for the BIP grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

W. Ken Beck, P.E.

Scott County Board of Supervisors - Chair

CONSERVATION BOARD 14910 110th Avenue Davenport, Iowa 52804

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August 3, 2022

Subject: BIP Grant Letter of Support

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Scott County Conservation Board would like to offer a Letter of Support for this BIP grant application submitted through the partnership of the Scott County Secondary Roads Department and the Iowa County Engineers Association,.

The portion of the grant being submitted by both the Scott and Clinton County Secondary Roads Departments, involves the proposed reconstruction of the Wapsipinicon Overflow Bridge, located on the Wapsipinicon River, which separates the two counties. This bridge is on county road Y-68 (also known as Scott Park Road), which is a major roadway access to the Conservation Board's largest, and one of the most popular parks in the region, Scott County Park (hence the local naming of the road).

Scott County Park is a 1280 acre multi-use recreation area that offers camping, picnicking, hiking, cabins, swimming, golf, and an historic pioneer village. This park has a visitation of well over a half-million visitors per year, and is a major asset and contributor to both the tourism industry and the economy of the region. The county road system, and the aforementioned Wapsi Overflow Bridge, are critical part of infrastructure providing access, not only to our park, but to all the surrounding communities and amenities in the area.

On behalf of the Scott Conservation Board, we whole-heartedly support this project, and ask for your consideration of their BIP grant funding request.

Executive Director

OUR MISSION: To improve the quality of life and promote and preserve the health, welfare and enjoyment for the citizens of Scott County and the general public by acquiring, developing, operating, and preserving the historical, educational, environmental, recreational and natural resources of the County.



SCOTT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 1100 East 46th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52807 (563) 484-3050 Readyscottcounty.com

August 16th, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Scott County Emergency Management Agency strongly supports Scott County's Secondary Roads Department's joint grant application for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The grant funding would help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon River Overflow bridge on Y68 and another seven bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, vital emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in these counties. River crossings, such as the Scott County and Clinton County bridges, are critical to our residents' life safety, property protection, and preserving the environment.

Without the Y68 bridge, first responders' ability to respond quickly to distressed citizens would be significantly hindered because of having to re-route their response, which could cost them their lives. For example, we would estimate that re-routing could increase response times by **20-minutes above the <u>national average</u>** for rural community responses. Additionally, mutual aid would drastically be delayed within these service areas for Clinton & Scott County's residents.

Our opinion is that the failure of the Y68 bridge would not only provide a significant life safety concern for these underserved residents but could also impose drastic secondary and tertiary impacts on the region and nation. Between agricultural operations, general day-to-day business, a person's ability to get to work, timeliness of transporting crops and animals, increased fuel usage for re-routing, or the timeliness of first responder's ability to respond to

train or pipeline emergency. With this geographical area near the Mississippi River, the possibilities of impacts could be endless. Several of these possibilities would not only make national news but could impact this nation's economy, supply chains, animal feed, human food, etc. The Y68 bridge may be in a rural part of lowa, but it's a vital part of our communities infrastructure.

Unfortunately, lowa is #3 in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges, and the counties own the majority of these bridges. Each county involved in this grant proposal has verified that it would likely take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction without federal assistance.

Please consider their application as if your family lived on the other side of this bridge. We appreciate the opportunity to express support for Scott County's Secondary Roads and the BIP grant application. Thank you for considering this joint grant application.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Payne

Deputy Director

Scott County Emergency Management Agency

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August 18, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Scott County Farm Bureau strongly supports the Scott County Secondary Roads Department's efforts, along with the Iowa County Engineers Association's (ICEA) proposal for federal funding dollars through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The grant funding would help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon River Overflow bridge on Y68 (Scott Park Road), along with seven selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Maintaining and improving farm-to-market roadways allow farmers to transport product efficiently and economically to our world markets. River crossings, such as the Scott County and Clinton County Bridge, are critical to maintain farming operations.

Unfortunately, Iowa is #3 in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges and most of these bridges are owned by the counties. Each of the counties involved in this grant proposal have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to their proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express support for Scott County and the ICEA proposal for BIP grant funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dee Frahm, Executive Officer Scott County Farm Bureau

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July 28, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Scott County Sheriff's Office strongly supports the Scott County Secondary Roads Department efforts, along with the Iowa County Engineers Association's (ICEA), proposal for federal funding dollars through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The grant funding would help reconstruct the Scott County and Clinton County Wapsipinicon River Overflow bridge on Y68, along with seven selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in these counties. River crossings, such as the Scott County and Clinton County bridge, are critical to our agency's ability to immediately respond to citizens in distress. The current bridge design has caused several fatalities.

Unfortunately, Iowa is #3 in the nation for the number of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges and the majority of these bridges are owned by the counties. Each of the counties involved in this grant proposal have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to their proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express support for the Scott County and ICEA proposal for the BIP grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Tim Lane

Scott County Sheriff



July 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rob Manatt President Wendling Quarries



P.O. Box 336 100 East Washington Street Brighton, IA 52540



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July 19, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

Re: Iowa County Engineers Association

2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter in support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in Iowa. One of the bridges included in this grant application is the Skunk River Bridge at McKains River Access in Washington County, Iowa.

The City of Brighton provides fire protection and 1st Responder coverage for Dutch Creek and Clay Townships. Some parts of these townships can only be accessed from Brighton by the bridge located at the McKains River Access. The nearest other Skunk River crossing is almost ten miles away. Reconstruction of the bridge will allow for faster emergency response and fire protection for the Dutch Creek and Clay Townships.

Raising the elevation of Dogwood Avenue would greatly increase the safety of the area during flooding. Our fire department has been involved in two rescues in the past when the road was covered with flood waters.

Also, the bridge reconstruction will allow for better access to Brighton and Lake Darling for recreation and possible economic opportunities from the northern part of the county. Improved accessibility to McKains Access will increase use of the Skunk River for kayaking, canoeing, fishing and camping.

Enclosed with this letter is a Resolution of the Brighton City Council supporting the Grant Application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, here 6

Melvin Rich, Mayor City of Brighton

RESOLUTION NO. 880

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, IOWA APPROVING THE 2022 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSAL FROM THE IOWA COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Skunk River Bridge at McKains River Access in Washington County is one of the bridges included in the application, and

WHEREAS, the Skunk River Bridge at McKains River Access is a primary link between the agricultural community and City of Brighton and reconstruction of the bridge will allow for better access from the farms located north of the Skunk River to the City of Brighton for business and community activities, to the Lake Darling State Park for recreational activities and allow for quicker access to those in need of timely fire protection and 1st Responder coverage, and

WHEREAS, a BIP award of 70% to 80% of eligible project costs will allow the Iowa County Engineers Association to support Washington County with necessary funding to reconstruct the Skunk River Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Brighton, Iowa that the City supports the application by the Iowa County Engineers Association for a 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant.

Moved by Councilperson Cathy Rich, seconded by Councilperson Paul Shelangoski, to pass the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McArtor, Jaynes, Smith, Shelangoski & C. Rich

Nays:

Abstain/Absent:

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Brighton, Iowa on this 18th day of July, 2022.

Melvin Rich – Mayor

ATTEST: Rose Jaynes, Mayor Pro Tem



FRIENDS OF LAKE DARLING STATE PARK

July 22, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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We are in full support of the ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Bob Shepherd, Board President

Friends of Lake Darling



DIRECTOR KAYLA LYON

Date July 8, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am the District Supervisor for Iowa State Parks in SE Iowa. Lake Darling State Park is located in Washington County and it is one of the busier parks in the state for camping and cabin usage, and for daily visitation. This park is well known for its 302 acre recently renovated lake, due to the benefits of better water quality and for the successful fishing opportunities that it offers to the public. Lake Darling is located in the SW corner of Washington County and there are only two bridge access points within this county for the residents north of the river to cross the Skunk River, which are HWY 1 and McKains River access. This bridge is one of the projects that the Iowa County Engineers Association is hoping to gain funding for.

I am writing in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout lowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, lowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tom Basten SE District Supervisor Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa State Parks



July 12, 2022

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

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association's 2022 Bridge Investment Program - Bridge Project.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I would like to extend my support to Washington County's and Monroe County's application for the Bridge Investment Program - Bridge Project Grant (BIP – Bridge Project Grant). In conjunction with Iowa DOT the Iowa County Engineering Association (ICEA) is completing an application for funds granted by U.S. DOT. The proposed local bridge projects are vital to the transportation connectivity and economy of the southeast Iowa regional transportation network.

Completing the county bridge projects – to reconstruct two bridges and remove one bridge on the county road system in rural southeast lowa – will ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods for decades to come. The counties bridge projects are also vital to agricultural and emergency services for underserved rural communities in the counties of Washington and Monore.

Other project benefits include:

- Improve the condition and resilience of the existing transportation facilities and system,
- Safety and access benefits, including benefits to Amish communities in southeast Iowa,
- Improve transportation connectivity for the traveling public and agricultural industry,
- Raise the grade of an existing bridge to meet clearance requirements for BNSF.
- Raise the grade of an existing bridge to reduce flooding and overtopping.
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries,
- Improve system resiliency, reliability, and continuity on Farm-to-Market routes.

I am pleased to support Washington County's and Monroe County's BIP - Bridge Project Grant application. These projects are important because they improve the condition of key bridge infrastructure in rural communities that are critical for agricultural and emergency services, economic vitality, and the quality of life of rural residents in southeast Iowa.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Younie

Acting District Engineer

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District 5







Your Community, Our Mission.

July 18, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

With a BIP award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Enhanced safety and access, including benefits to many Amish communities in Iowa
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural industry
- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity

The bridge in Washington County is one of only two crossing the Skunk River within the county. As it deteriorates, it will eventually make it harder for us to respond to emergencies in the southwest part of the county. The replacement of the existing bridge with a wider and longer bridge will help raise the road above the 100 year floodplain, which will minimize road flooding in the area, and will allow the Washington County Ambulance Service to have options for response routes to the southwest part of Washington County.



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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Respectfully,

Jeremy A Peck Director Washington County Ambulance Service

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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July 19, 2022

Re: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Washington County Board of Supervisors are writing this letter in support of the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the Skunk River Bridge reconstruction at McKain's River Access in southwest Washington County. This specific project is being submitted as a joint application by the Iowa County Engineers Association as one of eight bridge projects seeking federal funding to replace deficient bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa.

This Washington County bridge is one of two bridges that cross over the Skunk River in the County and thus replacing this bridge crossing in the western part of the county is vital for improving emergency response and fire protection in the community. In addition, it is important to the local economy by providing access for farmers to move their crops and livestock to and from market, as well as recreational access to Lake Darling State Park and multiple county parks in the area.

The project increases the bridge width and length, which will provide for a safer crossing for traffic and a wider opening that will help reduce flooding and overtopping of Dogwood Avenue north of the bridge. This is an area that has flooded numerous times over the years, at least three times in the last few years, and the county has spent thousands of dollars in repairing the roadway and replacing gravel due to said flooding.

With a BIP award of 70-80% of eligible project costs Washington County will be able to replace a structure that would otherwise take more than ten years to save enough funds to replace this structure.

The Washington County Board of Supervisors fully support this project and ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Young, Chairperson

Washington County Board of Supervisors



Washington County Conservation Board Zach Rozmus, Executive Director

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July 15th, 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties. With a BIP award of 70%-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support each of these counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct these bridges. When reconstructed, these bridges will offer a variety of benefits including:

- Improved access to health, emergency, and other community services
- Improved transportation connectivity for all users, including the agricultural Industry
- Increased access to McKains River Access, which is a DNR owned property that is managed by the Washington County Conservation Board that allows local and regional access to the Skunk River.
- The temporary closure of the roadway would allow for potential enhancements to the river access such as the complete redesign of a downstream self-cleaning boat ramp.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Zach Rozmus

Executive Director, WCCB



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July 12, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigleg,

I hope you are well. Greetings from Washington County, lowa! I am writing in strong support of the lowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout lowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, lowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services.

In addition, bridges are a critical component of a nation's infrastructure, making it possible to ship raw materials and finished goods to factories, warehouses, suppliers, distributors, stores, and end-consumers. Bridges also facilitate travel so consumers can purchase goods and services in their own communities and beyond. When a bridge closes, economic activity slows or grinds to a complete halt.

Wages earned by bridge construction and maintenance workers have a positive economic impact when used to buy things at local businesses. An investment in wages, and the related consumer spending that results from it, is proven to pay off many times over.

Bridges increase cash flow when they join two places that complement each other economically. It can have a powerful impact when an area that has a large money supply is connected to one that has goods or services to sell or people who need work. The same is true when a community that has raw materials gains easy access to another that has factories able to convert them into salable goods.

As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.



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- Economic development opportunities for agriculture and tourism industries
- Improved System Resiliency, Reliability, and Continuity
- Opportunity to support broadband infrastructure in rural communities with limited access

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mary Audia, Executive Director Washington Economic Development Group





July 19, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing today in support of the grant application being submitted by the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. They have collaborated on this project in support of rural communities and the bridges that we at the local level would otherwise be unable to improve in the short-term.

The project that Washington County is submitting is the Skunk River Bridge at McKains River access. It is one of only two bridges in Washington County which crosses the Skunk River, and when the area floods, it severely hinders emergency response agencies. Historically, the area in question floods regularly, and is one of the first places in the county where roadways are overtopped, leading to detours for residents, farmers, and emergency responders. In some cases, a closure at this bridge leads to a doubling of response distance from the base in Brighton to homes north of the bridge. The trip from the Brighton Fire station to a particular home just over the bridge, which is usually a 7.5 mile, 11-minute drive under normal (non-emergent) conditions becomes a daunting 14.8 mile, 26-minute drive, which could be the difference between life and death in an emergency.

In the event of any kind of closure of the Highway 1 bridge that crosses the Skunk River, the bridge at McKains access would be the detour for any manner of local Washington County traffic, and improvements to the bridge would make it a much more reliable and safer alternative. The route is not only important for emergency responders in the area, but also is a Farm-to-Market route in Washington County, and any time that it is impacted by flooding, farmers and residents must find an alternate path to their destination, which may be inefficient and cost-prohibitive.





Improvements to the Skunk River bridge on Dogwood Avenue would be valuable to all of southwest Washington County, and we appreciate your consideration of the ICEA grant application to benefit rural Iowa Counties who otherwise would not be able to complete these projects. This bridge has been in the County's 5-Year Road plan since the early 2000's, but hasn't been replaced yet due to the large cost of the project and the limited funds available. As this bridge continues to deteriorate, there will likely be weight restrictions placed on it, which will effectively close it to those who need it most. With a BIP award of 70-80% of eligible project costs, ICEA will be able to support multiple counties with the necessary funding to reconstruct deficient bridges across the state.

We fully support the ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program, and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal; we appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Cara Sorrells, 911 Supervisor

Marissa Reisen, EMA Coordinator



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July 21, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Re: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Washington County Farm Bureau is supportive of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) who are applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. One of these bridges is the Skunk River bridge located in the southwestern portion of Washington County. Currently, there are two river crossings in Washington County. This particular bridge is extremely narrow, and due to age is subject to future weight restrictions or closure in the near future. Loss of this crossing will pose hardship upon the residents due to inconvenience, but more importantly would increase the response time for fire, ambulance, and sheriff units. In addition to the safety and wellbeing concerns, this road is heavily used by the agricultural community as it is a designated farm to market road. Loss, closure, or even remaining open with weight restrictions will provide economic hardship upon the agricultural community.

This project has been on the multi-year road improvement plan for several years, but due to the large cost has remained on the future improvement list. The reason this bridge has not, yet, been replaced is due to the fact that it would consume the entire county road use tax proceeds for the next four years to complete this project making it prohibitive from the county's perspective. Meanwhile, the condition of the bridge has steadily been diminishing. Programs such as BIP that would provide 70-80% of eligible project costs would maximize local available dollars allowing road and bridge maintenance in other parts of the county to occur. More importantly, a sound bridge would remove the potential hazards to residents involving response times. Further, such a bridge would allow the agricultural community access to a fully functioning farm to market road.

Washington County Farm Bureau fully supports ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal. I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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July 23, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in strong support of the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA), who is applying for federal funding dollars through the USDOT's 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to support the reconstruction of eight selected bridges in rural communities throughout Iowa. This is an important request, and as you may recall, Iowa still ranks #3 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the country. These bridge projects are an important part of the region's transportation system due to the impact these bridges have in the local and regional network. They are often the primary link between farm and market, community facilities and underserved populations, and those in need of timely emergency services. As these bridges continue to deteriorate beyond safe use, critical agricultural and community routes are diminished. Each of the counties involved in this grant application have verified that without federal assistance, it is likely that it would take more than a decade to prioritize local funding for reconstruction. Given this situation, it is likely that vital community and emergency services will be hindered for underserved communities in the counties.

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I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jared M. Schneider, Sheriff



Superintendent William Stone **Curriculum Director** Veta Thode **Business Manager** Jeff Dieleman

Monday, July 11, 2022

Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590 BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov

RE: Iowa County Engineers Association 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Proposal

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The BIP explained above will be a plus for the school district. Since there are only two bridges in the county that cross the Skunk River it is important for this project to be supported. With the costs of transportation, we need to maintain as many river crossings as possible for the district to use. Also, if something were to happen on the HWY 1 bridge this gives us the option to get our kids to school while still remaining within our district lines.

I fully support ICEA's request for funds through the Bridge Investment Program and urge you to give your full and fair consideration to their proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Willie Stone

William Store