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June 23, 2021

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

Secretary Buttigieg,

I have been contacted by my constituent, Mr. Clint Sloss of McClure Engineering Company in Clive, Iowa, regarding the City of Clinton's RAISE Grant Application.

Mr. Sloss asserted the City's proposed project, known as the Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction, will enhance access to essential healthcare services, provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, and support increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes.

He stated the roadway is an important component to Clinton's infrastructure, connecting the north and south regions of the community. The near-century-old roadway is now stressed with capacity constraints and has seen nearly 400 crashes between 2015-2019 alone, in addition to severe flooding incidents over the last few years. As detailed by Mr. Sloss, this project includes the complete reconstruction of Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North; it includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

Mr. Sloss explained this project not only improves the roadway surface, but also improves the quality of life for residents and businesses along the corridor including designated Areas of Persistent Poverty (Census Tracts 1 and 3). In addition to enhanced pedestrian safety, he said the corridor improvements will include adding infrastructure necessary for future implementation of a high-speed fiber, broadband network. As such, he explained this infrastructure will position the City of Clinton as a primary gateway to the area, which has been identified as an "Opportunity Zone" by the US Department of the Treasury.

Finally, Mr. Sloss asserted the City's Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have a profound effect on the future viability of the area. He said the project will improve safety, provide good a state of repair, foster innovation and provide a much-needed boost to economic vitality for not only the City but the surrounding region.

We thank you for your full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations in the processing on this request.

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Please do not hesitate to contact my team member, Kaity Patchett, at [Kaitryn.Patchett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kaitryn.Patchett@mail.house.gov), regarding this matter. We appreciate any updates you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Cindy Axne (IA-03)  
U.S. House of Representatives