

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write to express my strong support for the City of Belton, Missouri's application for the 2026 BUILD grant for the "Belton to AMERICA" Project (Advanced Mobility, Economic Resilience, Infrastructure, Connections and Access). This project reflects a meaningful partnership between the City of Belton and private stakeholders to address vital regional infrastructure needs, support job creation, improve safety, and help bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States.

BUILD grant funding for the City of Belton would support the construction of a last-mile multimodal freight connection linking the KC Inland Port to the interstate highway system. This connection would allow freight to reach roughly half of the U.S. population within one day and the majority within two days, strengthening the region's role as a major logistics and economic hub. The project aligns closely with BUILD program priorities by improving transportation safety and mobility while supporting long-term economic resilience.

The economic potential is significant. Continued industrial growth at the KC Inland Port, combined with its central location and strong transportation access, will create quality jobs and expand economic opportunity across the region. The project also includes multimodal improvements such as a 10-foot multi-use trail and a 5-foot sidewalk to ensure safe access for a wide range of users.

By completing the last-mile connection between the interstate and the KC Inland Port, the City of Belton will open the door for development of a large industrial warehouse area. This development will support manufacturing and warehousing, help reshire jobs, and expand export opportunities.

We appreciate the collaborative work of the City of Belton, CPKC Railway, and other partners who have prioritized a project that will deliver lasting regional benefits. The "Belton to AMERICA" project represents a strong opportunity to combine public and private investment in a way that advances transportation, safety, and economic growth across the Greater Kansas City area and beyond. Thank you for your consideration of this important application.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress