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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao,

It has been brought to my attention that the city of Springfield, Missouri, is applying for a grant through the United States Department of Transportation's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program to establish an extensive multimodal transportation improvement project in the city.

The Grant Avenue Parkway project will be the first part of a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle pathway in Southwest Missouri. The community is working to connect the city's cultural destinations, including the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium, to Springfield's growing downtown district. This project also provides connectivity with a high traffic trail network and connections identified in the Ozarks Transportation Organization's regional trail plan.

This project will help spur economic development, while increasing tourism and recreational activity throughout the city. It is my hope that you will give this application from the city of Springfield full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator