

April 15, 2009

Congressman Tom Latham
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Alice's Road Extension-Ashworth Road to University Avenue

Dear Congressman Latham,

The City of Waukee proposes the **Alice's Road Extension-Ashworth Road to University Avenue** project for funding under the Highway Reauthorization Bill. The City of Waukee greatly appreciates the past support that the Alice's Road/105th Street Corridor has received and asks for further funding for a six-lane arterial boulevard as well as sewer improvements and water main construction to allow for immediate development within the Alice's Road Corridor in Waukee.

The cities of Waukee and West Des Moines have been working in collaboration for several years to best meet the regional infrastructure needs that have transpired after years of significant growth. **The Alice's Road Extension-Ashworth Road to University Avenue connecting to Alice's Road/105th Street Bridge project will help alleviate current and future regional traffic congestion within the Jordan Creek Parkway Interchange as well as the current R-22 interchange and arterial corridor.** The extension of Alice's Road from Ashworth Road to University Avenue is merited based upon needs of the observed and future transportation needs of the area.

Alice's Road Corridor and correlating projects are top priority projects for the community and continue to receive broad community support as the officials within both the cities of Waukee and West Des Moines communicate the needs and potential of the corridor. **The Alice's Road Corridor will attract high quality business and industry to promote innovation and economic sustainability within the two cities, Greater Dallas County, and the State of Iowa.**

The cities of Waukee and West Des Moines have received past federal funding for the Alice's Road Corridor that will be used for the Alice's Road/105th Street Bridge and Connecting Roads project to be completed in late 2009. **Both communities have been working diligently to keep the public abreast of all current and future plans for the corridor through public input sessions, public hearings, and project information releases.** In addition, as the project continues the City of Waukee plans to hold public input sessions regularly to update citizens on the project and accept feedback.

The City of Waukee wholeheartedly supports the Alice's Road Extension-Ashworth Road to University Avenue project and asks for your support in the Reauthorization process. Our request for funding is \$11.6 million as the total

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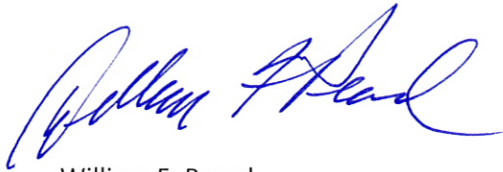
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project cost is \$14.5 million. Project costs not accounted for in the reauthorization appropriation will be financed by the City of Waukee and developers.

The City of Waukee appreciates your support of our community and future economic sustainability. For further information, please contact Jeff Kooistra, City Administrator at (515) 987-4522.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William F. Peard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "P".

William F. Peard
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