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The Honorable Steven K. Gaer
Mayor of the City of West Des Moines
4200 Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Dear Mayor Gaer:

**Subject: Letter of Support – Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant
Application – City of West Des Moines**

In an effort to improve access and spur economic growth through the development of transportation infrastructure, the City of West Des Moines will submit a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application.

The project is comprised of the construction of Grand Prairie Parkway from Raccoon River Drive to 105th Street (Madison County), including a bridge over the Raccoon River. The project incorporates the long-term objectives outlined by the US Department of Transportation, and the grant application focuses on the elements of Safety, State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Quality of Life, Environmental Sustainability, Innovation, and Partnership.

The project will have a significant economic impact on the region and the Des Moines metropolitan area, and it will provide vastly improved access for rural areas south of the Raccoon River. The City of Norwalk supports the City of West Des Moines' TIGER Grant application for the Grand Prairie Parkway corridor from Raccoon River Drive to 105th Street (Madison County). The City of Norwalk views the project as one of the critical transportation improvements in the region that will enhance the livability of the area for a wide number of Central Iowans.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Philips
City of Norwalk

