



April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC, 20590

RE: Muscatine, Iowa Isett Avenue RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the HNI Corporation allow me to express our enthusiasm and support for the City of Muscatine's RAISE grant application, Developing Connection: Isett Avenue and Cypress Street Reconstruction. As the area's largest employer, we have a long-standing commitment to our community. A strong partnership among industry, business, our residents, and the City of Muscatine is essential to meet its changing needs. The transformation of the Isett Avenue Corridor into a model for sustainable and equitable transportation will benefit the region and HNI for generations to come.

HNI utilizes Isett Avenue and Cypress Street to connect our manufacturing facilities to the US Highway 61 bypass. The neighborhoods adjacent to and surrounding the corridor are where many of our employees live, shop, socialize and spend time with their families. The proposed corridor opens access to essential services necessary to maintain the community's connectivity and prosperity.

This project focuses on many challenges currently facing the corridor and the surrounding neighborhoods by addressing pedestrian access, repairing decaying infrastructure and upgrading intersections and lane configurations that no longer meet the area's needs. Proposed improvements, including roundabouts, lane reconfigurations, sidewalks and a multi-use path, will help transform the corridor into a pleasant and efficient area for living and working in the area.

HNI fully supports the City of Muscatine's efforts to increase safety, connectivity, and quality of life throughout the Isett Avenue Corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lorenger".

Jeff Lorenger  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer