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The Honorable Thomas P. Latham
United States House of Representatives
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Dear Representative Latham:

SUBJECT: RE: GRAND AVENUE, SOUTH JORDAN CREEK
PARKWAY TO 105TH STREET

The City of West Des Moines thanks you for your continued support of our community with your efforts on our behalf. As the transportation authorization bill is being formulated, West Des Moines requests that you consider including funding for West Des Moines' Grand Avenue construction from South Jordan Creek Parkway to future 105th Street. The City of West Des Moines will appreciate your assistance in obtaining reauthorization funding in the amount of \$16,000,000 for our \$20,000,000 estimated project cost.

The City of West Des Moines is promoting this corridor with a focus on technology-related business and employment, beginning with the Des Moines Area Community College technology education center and continuing the momentum generated with the soon to be constructed Microsoft Data Center. This project will support the connection between the technology region being promoted by the City to Interstate 35 and the 105th Street corridor, helping to make this area attractive to technology business and transportation-reliant businesses.

The West Des Moines has been in constant communication with its citizens regarding this project. The City anticipates holding public meetings, as necessary, to keep its citizens informed. The City also uses its website extensively to provide information and send updates to subscribers of our site and elicit questions and feedback from our citizens.

Again, the City of West Des Moines appreciates your support of our community and future economic sustainability. For further information, please contact Jeff Pomeranz, City Manager at (515) 222-3610.

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Steven Gaer
City of West Des Moines

cc: West Des Moines City Council
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