



JEFF SMITH

WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR – 31ST DISTRICT



June 11, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20509

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of the City of Mondovi's application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program through the Department of Transportation. This grant will allow the city to reach the goals it established in its 2018 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

One of the main objectives of this plan is to improve the walkability of the city. With this grant the City of Mondovi will rebuild County Road H/N. Eau Claire St. to improve the quality of the road in addition to adding pedestrian walkways and user activated crosswalk systems. Improved walkability of the city will better connect residential zones to commercial and industrial zones. During construction, the city will also install fiber broadband which will provide residents outside the city limits with reliable internet access, something they are currently lacking. Furthermore the City of Mondovi will use their BUILD grant to build new trails that will connect existing trails and expand the network of trails allowing for greater efficacy of alternative transportation.

Overall I believe that with this grant the City of Mondovi will be able to significantly improve the safety of its pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. In addition the grant will improve local business and economic growth. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or would like any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jeff Smith'.

JEFF SMITH
State Senator
31ST Senate District