

## **Letters of Support**

Mayor May

Senator Mitch McConnell (sent separately)

Senator Rand Paul

Representative Andy Barr

State Representative Derrick Graham

Franklin County Fiscal Court

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet

Kentucky Capital Development Corporation

Downtown Frankfort

Frankfort/Franklin County Tourist Commission

Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce

Thorn Hill Education Center

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# City of Frankfort

## Capital of Kentucky

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William I. May, Jr

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July 18, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Strong Support for Frankfort, KY's DOT BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of the City of Frankfort to submit a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Planning grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). BUILD dollars will help Frankfort support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as a key entry to the community from the east and north. A 2007 Holmes Street Redevelopment Master Plan done in partnership with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) identified two alternatives for improving corridor infrastructure to accommodate future traffic demand and would improve conditions for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and businesses.

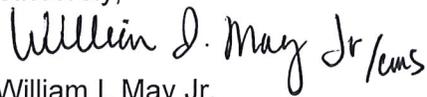
DOT assistance will help the City prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades. Grant funds will be used to study and design a Complete Street along Holmes Street, which will connect low-income households with downtown job opportunities. As a small, rural community as defined by DOT, the proposed project aligns with the Trump Administration's goals to improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote connectivity, and facilitate competitiveness. BUILD funding will also leverage the designation of Frankfort's Holmes Street neighborhood as an Opportunity Zone.

- Complete the design for connecting the Second Street TIGER project to the Holmes Street Corridor
- Connect with the Pinsley Trail, a former rail line and the latest addition to the City's existing 38 miles of trail that Frankfort, the Commonwealth, and Kentucky State University are converting into a recreational amenity that will provide students with an alternative route to downtown
- Enhance the gateway, improve the transition at the headend of the project (Capital Avenue & East Main), and calm traffic commuting into downtown on Holmes Street
- Reduce and restrict access points that contribute to accidents along the corridor
- Construct sidewalks and establish crosswalks for neighborhood residents
- Create bike lanes
- Improve existing gateways from downtown to west and highway off/on ramps to the east/north

- Enhance bus stops to promote increase transit use
- Upgrade lighting and signage
- Install green infrastructure to manage stormwater runoff
- Encourage infill and redevelopment of approximately 22 acres in nine key areas along the corridor to create a live/work neighborhood

The City has identified implementation of the Master Plan for Redevelopment of the Holmes Street a priority, building on the over \$11 million to date we have invested in infrastructure to improve this corridor. Frankfort is pledging to match BUILD funds with \$124,000 in local funds. Frankfort and the Holmes Street corridor are at a turning point but face great challenges and needs DOT help. Please give highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William I. May Jr." followed by a flourish that looks like "ems".

William I. May Jr.  
Mayor

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 16, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

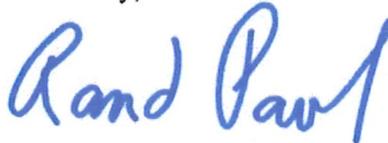
Dear Secretary Chao:

I am contacting you on behalf of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky, regarding their application for the 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The BUILD Grant will assist the City of Frankfort in its efforts to improve the surface transportation infrastructure along Holmes Street to the east of downtown Frankfort. The planned project will improve the Holmes Street corridor's overall design and revitalize its commercial appeal by improving traffic flows and vehicular access while enhancing safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists alike. The BUILD Grant will no doubt aid further economic development in the area and greatly benefit the residents of Frankfort. Accordingly, I believe the City of Frankfort's application deserves full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Upon the completion of this process, please contact Adam Salmon on my staff at (202) 228-0112, or by facsimile at (202) 228-3796.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.  
United States Senator

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AND CONSUMER CREDIT

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Because this project would serve my constituents, I am extremely interested in the city's efforts.

According to the information I have received, this funding will be used to support the revitalization of the Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. The Holmes Street Corridor encompasses 25 city blocks. Approximately 2 miles in length, the neighborhood is extremely diverse, with a mix of housing, commercial and industrial uses. The Census Tract was recently designated as an Opportunity Zone by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin and Frankfort's comprehensive plan identifies reconstruction of Holmes Street as a top priority.

This funding assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will mitigate traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

I am asking for your full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, of this request. If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact Shelby Williams, my Director of Economic Development at (859) 219-1366 or [Shelby.williams@mail.house.gov](mailto:Shelby.williams@mail.house.gov). You may forward your reply to my district office located at 2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100, Lexington, KY 40509. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Barr".

Andy Barr  
Member of Congress

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**DERRICK W. GRAHAM**  
57<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

July 10, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

### **Re: Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The city is requesting BUILD funds to support revitalization of the Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area of Frankfort. These funds will assist the city in preparing for infrastructure improvements which will ease traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

The Holmes Street Corridor is a diverse neighborhood of mixed housing, commercial and industrial space encompassing 25 city blocks on the north side of Frankfort. This area has significant potential and was recently designated as an Opportunity Zone by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Frankfort's comprehensive plan also identifies reconstruction of Holmes Street as a top priority.

I support the community's effort to improve and develop the Holmes Street Corridor and encourage you to aid in this effort by making BUILD funds available to the City of Frankfort. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derrick W. Graham".

Derrick W. Graham

State Representative, 57th Legislative District



# Franklin County Fiscal Court

321 West Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

July 9, 2018

**Huston Wells**  
*Franklin County Judge/Executive*  
**Jennifer Wilson**  
*Deputy County Judge/Executive*

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

## **Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I strongly support the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

The Holmes Street Corridor encompasses 25 city blocks. Approximately 2 miles in length, the neighborhood is extremely diverse, with a mix of housing, commercial and industrial uses. This area of disinvestment has significant potential, with large tracts of underutilized land. The Census Tract was recently designated as an Opportunity Zone by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Frankfort's comprehensive plan also identifies reconstruction of Holmes Street as a top priority.

I support Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because it will help revive a blighted area of our community, making the area more walkable for citizens, adding new businesses for job opportunities, and connecting the corridor to the downtown area for economic growth.



Letter to Secretary Chao

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July 9, 2018

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Huston Wells

Franklin County Judge/Executive



**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
TRANSPORTATION CABINET**

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**Matthew G. Bevin**  
Governor

**Greg Thomas**  
Secretary

July 19, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is aware that the funding opportunity for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program is an opportunity to provide local communities necessary funding to conduct planning studies on major transportation infrastructure improvements. KYTC has successfully partnered with the city of Frankfort and FHWA to deliver transformative infrastructure projects in the city, and are currently working with the city on their 2017 TIGER grant project.

The proposed planning grant is to conduct the planning and community engagement process for revitalization of the Holmes Street and High Street corridor. The completed planning study can provide the city detailed information as to construction alternates and financial requirements to implement their infrastructure improvements and enhance pedestrian facilities along this corridor.

KYTC supports this planning study and encourages the U.S. Department of Transportation to consider this project for FY 2018 BUILD grant funding.

Sincerely,

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Greg Thomas, Secretary  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet





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Governor

William M. Landrum III  
Secretary

July 18, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am sending this letter to you in support of Frankfort, KY, our Capitol City's planning grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) program.

Currently the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet is in the midst of working with a private sector developer on a new 385,000 square foot state-of-the-art building for state employees. In a first, for both the Commonwealth and Frankfort, the state will be returning 6.4 acres to the local tax rolls through a public-private-partnership to redevelopment this prime downtown location. This project will be based on input from the community and a plan that puts Frankfort in control.

In a word, downtown Frankfort is going through a huge TRANSFORMATION, which will change the course of the city for the next 50 to 100 years.

The Holmes Street corridor is a main connector to downtown and flows right into the area being redeveloped by the state. Funding through BUILD will dovetail with Frankfort's recently awarded TIGER grant. This new funding assistance will allow the city to plan infrastructure improvements, traffic control, and improved pedestrian safety.

These are exciting times in Frankfort. I ask that you consider Frankfort's application so that much needed work can continue, not only in the downtown core, but in areas that have experienced economic decline, but have potential for new economic development opportunities.

Sincerely,

  
William M. Landrum III  
Secretary



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President/CEO  
Terri Bradshaw

June 27, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of the Kentucky Capital Development Corporation to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

The Holmes Street Corridor encompasses 25 city blocks. Approximately 2 miles in length, the neighborhood is extremely diverse, with a mix of housing, commercial and industrial uses. This area of disinvestment has significant potential, with large tracts of underutilized land. The Census Tract was recently designated as an Opportunity Zone by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Frankfort's comprehensive plan also identifies reconstruction of Holmes Street as a top priority.

The Kentucky Capital Development Corporation supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because this busy transportation route is challenging to pedestrians and bicyclists due to high speeds, a narrow roadbed and limited bike accommodations. These conditions have impacted the economic viability of this area. In addition to removing these unsafe conditions, this grant will help leverage significant local and private sector investment from partners, including support from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Frankfort Plant Board, Frankfort Transit System and local developers.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Terri Bradshaw  
President/CEO





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Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of Downtown Frankfort, Inc. to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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Downtown Frankfort, Inc. supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because this is an important gateway into our historic downtown. Improving this area will instill a deeper sense of pride in the adjacent neighborhoods and will be more welcoming to those visiting downtown.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kelly Everman, Executive Director  
Downtown Frankfort, Inc.

*"Strengthening the heart of Frankfort as the place to live, work, shop and play"*



July 11, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor  
Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of the Frankfort/Franklin County Tourist and Convention Commission to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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The Frankfort/Franklin County Tourist and Convention Commission supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because it is a significant entry into the heart of our historic downtown area. Many visitors,

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coming from the north and east, enter our City through this corridor. Improvements in the way of sidewalks, trails and trail connections, and landscaping will help to make this area more inviting and attractive for visitors.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Robin Antenucci  
Executive Director



FRANKFORT AREA  
Chamber of Commerce  
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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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The Holmes Street Corridor plays a unique role as a transportation corridor in Frankfort. An investment in infrastructure supporting transit, walking, and bicycling will contribute to the corridor's overall economic revitalization, improving opportunities for connecting residents and visitors to the downtown area and several tourist attractions. On behalf of the Frankfort Area Chamber Board of Directors we request the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding.

Sincerely,

Carmen Inman  
President/CEO



# Thorn Hill Education Center

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The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Thorn Hill Skills U Adult Education Center would like to convey our strong support for the **City of Frankfort's** "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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Thorn Hill supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor. Our center is adjacent to the Holmes Street area and many of the families we serve live in this area. It's important to improve the safety and transportation concerns, while promoting an environment that is more aesthetically pleasant for improved self-worth of these citizens and our overall community,

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rita G. Rector, Director  
Thorn Hill Skills U Adult Education  
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Herbert A. Miller, Jr  
President and  
Chief Operating Officer

June 27, 2018

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**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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Columbia Gas supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because it will improve the standard of living for many of our customers. Improved roads will allow for shorter response times during emergencies – enhancing our ability to deliver on our commitment to public safety.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Herbert A. Miller, Jr.  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Columbia Gas of Kentucky

07/18/2018

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Columbia Gas will support Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor with engineering coordination for utility relocation. We estimate \$20,000 will be spent on internal engineering services during the duration of the project.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Sparks  
Field Engineer  
Columbia Gas of Kentucky



# FRANKFORT PLANT BOARD

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June 28, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of The Frankfort Plant Board (FPB) to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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FPB supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because much of the utility infrastructure has significant age associated with it and while being functional, does not provide the incentives to economic development. This planning effort will provide opportunities to investigate replacing, improving and upgrading our electric, water and telecommunications facilities that could more readily support and promote economic opportunities and quality of life improvements in the corridor.



# FRANKFORT PLANT BOARD

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Again, the Frankfort Plant Board supports the City of Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding and we view the project as a critical improvement. Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

David Denton, CPA  
Interim General Manager  
Frankfort Plant Board



July 18, 2018

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United Bank & Capital Trust Company supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor. The improvements will enhance the roads, and sidewalks providing safer travel and providing opportunities for promoting better access to walkers and cyclists. Frankfort is a beautiful town, and this would only enhance other projects that have been undertaken in recent past, and provide tremendous economic development and growth opportunities that will reap dividends for years to come.



Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Mike R. Feldman  
Senior Vice President

**WalkBike Frankfort, Inc.**

5140 Devils Hollow Road

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Walkbike.org

Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

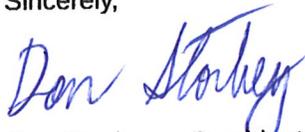
I write on behalf of WalkBike Frankfort, a community advocacy organization to offer our support for the City of Frankfort's BUILD application. Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of the Holmes Street Corridor, a economically distressed area that offers a pathway into Frankfort from the North and East. The area currently is mix of retail, industry, and modest mixed housing--- some of the housing stock is in need of renovation. The grant will assist in developing infrastructure improvements such as traffic calming features, improve and add sidewalks, and other features that will make is safer to use alternatives to car to move in the area.

The Holmes street corridor is critical to revitalizing Frankfort because to is so close to the core of the city and could offer an alternative way into the downtown. It is not used so much as corridor now because of safety issues and commercial "clutter" . The Area has been designated an opportunity zone by Governor Matt Bevin.

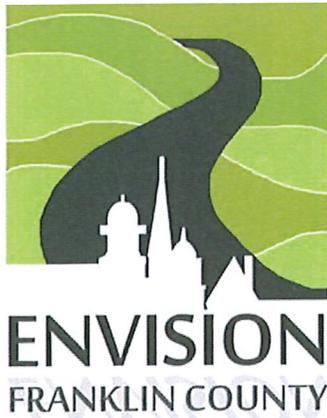
WalkBike Frankfort supports this grant because the goals of the project are consistent with projects that we routinely try to bring to the Community. More importantly, if bike ped alternatives are added in this corridor it will offer connections to projects that we have been developing and are continuing to develop. One is the Pinsley Trail going from the downtown retail area to Kentucky State University. The beginning of the Pinsley trail is only a few hundred feet from one end of Holmes street. The other end of Holmes Street connects to Cove Spring park and River View trail--both areas that our organization assisted in developing. The proposed enhancements will add connectivity to allow people to walk in a loop in the downtown area in a safe protected environment.

*WalkBike Frankfort* endorses this project for Department of Transportation BUILD funding wholly and without reservation.

Sincerely,



Don Stosberg, President



July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

EnvisionFranklinCounty is a citizens- based organization established in 2004 with a mission to improve the built and natural environment of Frankfort and surrounding countryside. Over those years, we have worked on many projects that have resulted in improvement to the urban part of the Frankfort community.

We strongly support the City of Frankfort's application for a BUILD planning grant to support the revitalization of the Holmes Street area. The neighborhoods along this corridor are economically- distressed, but with a combination of public and private investment, they have the potential to be a vibrant part of the community. This effort is critical to directly help the people that live in that area and due to its proximity, will also help the vitality of Frankfort's downtown.

Our organization has partnered with the City on two previous initiatives. We helped initiate and work with the City during the land use planning study in 2006. We have also encouraged the city to begin planning for the future of transportation improvements. This grant will allow us to take the next logical step, giving us the ability to precisely plan the future of the transportation corridor thus allowing the future advancement of sidewalks and trails, road improvements, and land use redevelopment or improvements.

EnvisionFranklinCounty pledges to support this project until completion. On behalf of our membership, I want to thank you for giving Frankfort's application consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Schimmoeller, President



July 18, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of The Point Community Church to convey our strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilization Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, and economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

The Holmes Street Corridor encompasses 25 city blocks. Approximately 2 miles in length, the neighborhood is extremely diverse, with a mix of housing, commercial and industrial uses. This area of disinvestment has significantly potential, with large tracts of underutilized land. The Census Tract was recently designated as an Opportunity Zone by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Frankfort's comprehensive plan also identifies reconstruction of Holmes Street as a top priority.

The Point Community Church supports Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because of this project has the potential to "kickstart" a revitalization of an entire community. Better roadways, bike paths, and sidewalks will not only enhance the safety for the numerous residents of this community as they travel up and down Holmes Street, but it has the potential to increase the aesthetic value of this area- in order to make it more attractive to residents and businesses. This kind of project has synergistic potential that can really make a difference in this economically-distressed area.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you, very much.

Sincerely,

Andy Lawrence  
Elder

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Strong Support for Frankfort's Holmes Street Corridor Revitalization Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write on behalf of myself, as the founder, owner and President of Art's Electric, Inc. from 1971 to December, 2017. Although I have sold the business, I continue to own the properties at 411 Holmes Street. I want to convey my strong support for the City of Frankfort's "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Frankfort seeks BUILD planning dollars to support the revitalization of its Holmes Street Corridor, an economically-distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. DOT assistance will help the City to prepare for infrastructure improvements that will calm traffic, enhance pedestrian opportunities, improve safety, promote economic development, and connect with previous TIGER-funded upgrades.

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I support Frankfort's effort to revitalize the Holmes Street Corridor because: (1) Due to a variety of problems in the Holmes St. area, individuals have been unwilling to invest in commercial/residential projects in the area. Consequently, the area has become a magnet for drugs, crime, etc. There are shootings in the area on a regular basis, and recently, people have been killed. (2) With improved roads, sidewalks, green spaces, etc. individuals with the financial means to do so, could be persuaded to develop commercial businesses, residential housing, restaurants, etc. that would bring extra revenues and taxes that would benefit the entire area.

Please give the highest consideration to Frankfort's application for DOT BUILD funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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