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Secretary Sean Duffy  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: BUILD Implementation Grant Application – Access to Opportunity: BUILD the Boise Bench – Ada County, Idaho

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is pleased to submit this Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant application for the first implementation phase of our Access to Opportunity project. ACHD received a 2022 RAISE grant to plan and design to federal standards twelve (12) active transportation projects within the cities of Boise and Garden City, Idaho. This package of active transportation projects is called Access to Opportunity. Of the twelve projects being designed, four (4) of them will be ready to construct by the year 2029. When built, the four projects will include new pavement, new and replacement sidewalks, mid-block crosswalks, ADA curb ramps and low-stress bike facilities. The benefits realized will be a safer, more equitable transportation network for pedestrians and bicyclists that will remove barriers and improve access to education, employment, transit, recreation and healthcare. Improved access and reduced travel time will translate into economic growth and a better quality of life for the residents in these disadvantaged communities.

The cost of ACHD's Access to Opportunity: BUILD the Boise Bench construction phase is \$23,045,000. ACHD has committed a 20% match of \$4,609,000 in local, non-federal funds.

ACHD is committed to advancing these four projects, and with the support of our successful 2022 RAISE Planning grant, the district has already allocated local funds to design all 12 projects. These initiatives were approved as part of the FY25 Budget

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and the 2025-2029 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan, which was adopted by the ACHD Commission on September 25, 2024.

ACHD appreciates your consideration of our application, and we look forward to your favorable response.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Rader, Accessibility and Mobility Supervisor, at [drader@achdidaho.org](mailto:drader@achdidaho.org) or 208-387-6271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dyan Bevins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dyan Bevins  
Deputy Director, Projects  
Ada County Highway District

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