



Fleet & Transit Department

Date: June 14, 2018

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

RE: Support for the City of Clinton's **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the Transportation Director for the City of Clinton's transit system Municipal Transit Administration (MTA), I am in full support of the 2018 BUILD grant application submitted to you by the City of Clinton.

The MTA has both fixed and para transit routes that utilize different sections of the proposed reconstruction area daily. The four (4) different fixed route buses are on this roadway at some point during their route every thirty(30) minutes throughout a twelve (12) hour day five (5) days a week and (7) seven hours on Saturdays.

Our transit passengers include students, adults, seniors and people with disabilities. These passengers maybe traveling from their homes to school, college, work, shopping and/or recreation, leisure. The fixed route buses are also equipped with bike racks as an added amenity for the bicyclists. Passengers are also able to download a bus app to see the location of the buses on the routes. Having bus shelters with technology throughout the proposed project area would also greatly enhance the transit system for the citizens of Clinton.

The City of Clinton's proposed project will provide safer routes for the MTA buses, new updated and modern bus shelter enhancements for transit riders, and provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school. The project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have a lasting and positive impact on the Clinton area. The project includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

Sincerely,

Dennis Hart, Transportation Director