



June 27, 2019

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for BUILD Grant Application  
Cowles Street Reconstruction Project – Fairbanks, Alaska

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning's application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program for the Cowles Street Reconstruction Project. This project will reconstruct Cowles Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the East-West Cowles Street intersection; provide continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street; improve safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities; improve illumination of the entire road corridor; and replace the aging water and sewer utilities that are both over 65 years old.

Cowles Street provides direct access to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Noel Wein Library, Raven Landing Senior Community Center & Apartments, Lathrop High School, Ryan Middle School, Hamme Pool, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center, Cherokee Riders state-certified driver education, retail shopping and restaurants, residential neighborhoods, and the Chena Riverwalk on 1st Avenue. Reconstruction of Cowles Street will provide better and safer access to essential public services for our community, promote economic growth for the businesses throughout the corridor, and improve quality of life for area residents. This project has been long awaited by our community and will not only benefit individuals who live and work on Cowles Street, but also benefit the greater population that utilizes the corridor to access these services and businesses.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for Interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of FAST Planning's application to the BUILD Grant Program, and please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you have regarding our support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisa Sharrah".

Marisa Sharrah  
President and CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Dean".

Rebecca Dean  
Board Chair