



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**ASA HUTCHINSON  
GOVERNOR**

May 18, 2020

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

Re: Jefferson County FY 2020 BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my support of the \$14,540,800 FY 2020 Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant request for the Jefferson Corridor project submitted by Jefferson County, Arkansas.

The purpose of this proposed project is to provide needed infrastructure for an economic development project planned in Jefferson County, near Pine Bluff. Among a number of improvements, this grant will provide support for widening of Stage Coach Road from Hwy 530 to Chandler Road, widening of Chandler Road from the Stage Coach intersection to the termination of Chandler Road, and new roadway south from Chandler Road to Gravel Pit Road. As part of the State of Arkansas's commitment to promoting economic development opportunities, the Arkansas Department of Transportation has set aside \$5 million for state highway-related improvements needed for the Jefferson Corridor project.

I appreciate your consideration of this application. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to Caleb Stanton in my office at 501-683-6446 or [caleb.stanton@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:caleb.stanton@governor.arkansas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson