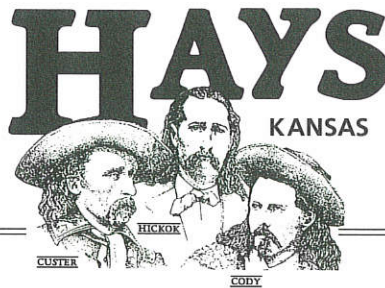


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May 28, 2019

Dean Haselhorst, Chairman
Ellis County Board of Commissioners
718 Main Street
Hays, KS 67601

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the City of Hays, Kansas, I write to support Ellis County's efforts to seek funding from the federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program for the Northwest Business Corridor project. The Northwest Business Corridor provides four principal advantages to our community:

- Better access to federal highways for the transportation-dependent businesses located along the Corridor.
- Improved safety for the workers and visitors who travel the Corridor on a daily basis.
- A bypass route around the City of Hays for large loads that cannot safely pass under the I-70 bridge over U.S. Route 183.
- The potential for continued development of the business corridor, including new developments to serve the traveling public.

In sum, the City of Hays supports this project because of its impact on current and future economic development on the Corridor. You may include this letter of support with your grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Please contact me if you have any questions, and best of luck to you on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Schwaller IV".

Henry Schwaller IV
Mayor