



June 5, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of Celebration Community Church, 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.

Improved safety is particularly important to our organization because we have staff members and congregants that enter and exit our parking lot on a daily basis that struggle to see over the hill on the road to the north of us. We believe this will help keep people safe as more and more traffic happens in this area of Ellis County.

Please accept our support for this important project and feel free to include this letter with your grant application. We hope that the U.S. Department of Transportation will look favorably upon Ellis County's grant request. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer further questions about our support for the Northwest Business Corridor.

Sincerely,

Derek Mayfield  
Associate Pastor

We exist to **meet** Him, **grow** in Him and **serve** through Him.