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To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Moab is pleased to provide its strong support for Grand County's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for planning and design funding to improve Sand Flats Road and develop a separated multi-use pathway serving the Sand Flats Recreation Area.

Sand Flats Road is a critical access corridor connecting the Moab community to the Sand Flats Recreation Area, the La Sal Mountains, and surrounding public lands. It serves residents, local businesses, commercial tour operators, visitors, and emergency responders. As visitation continues to increase, the corridor experiences growing congestion, user conflicts, and safety concerns—particularly where motorized and non-motorized traffic share narrow roadway segments and unpaved sections.

The proposed project would pave the remaining gravel portions of the roadway, standardize lane widths and shoulders, and construct a detached multi-use pathway where feasible. These improvements would enhance safety, reduce conflicts between user groups, improve emergency access and response reliability, and decrease dust and maintenance demands. Providing separated facilities for pedestrians and cyclists is especially important in a high-use recreational corridor with significant seasonal peaks.

This project is consistent with the 2022 City of Moab and Grand County Unified Transportation Master Plan and reflects a coordinated regional effort to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with visitation growth. Planning and design funding is a critical first step toward implementing long-term improvements that support public safety, sustainable tourism, and economic vitality.

For these reasons, the City of Moab strongly supports this application and appreciates your consideration of this important transportation investment.

Sincerely,

Joette Langianese
Mayor
City of Moab