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Attachments: USDOT Communications - PPPP Award.pdf, Senator Grassley - TRIPS Notice - June 2025.pdf, MAPA_P4_Handout.pdf

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Senator Grassley received the following from Metropolitan Area Planning Agency, which serves Council Bluffs and the surrounding area. Any assistance you could provide would be much appreciated.

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From: Michael Helgersen <mhelgersen@mapacog.org>
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Sherry,

We recently learned that a \$2 million award that had been made to MAPA by USDOT is no longer moving forward. We had been coordinating with the relevant staff and hadn't received any indication that the program's status had changed. The Prioritization Process Pilot Program was created by Congress through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and was a unique opportunity for MAPA to more closely align our planning and prioritization with our DOT partners.

Please see the attached letter and documentation requesting a reconsideration of this decision by the US Department of Transportation. If you or Senator Grassley's team have any additional questions, we are more than happy to answer them.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

– Mike



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