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Blunt Announces Nearly \$21 Million BUILD Grant for City of Springfield

WASHINGTON– U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has invested nearly [\\$21 million](#) in the City of Springfield’s Grant Avenue Parkway Project. Blunt [sent](#) a letter to Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao earlier this year urging funding for the project.

“The investments we make in our infrastructure directly benefit jobs and the local economy,” said Blunt. “By connecting Springfield’s parks, museums, and other cultural destinations to the city’s growing downtown district, this project will spur economic development and boost the tourism industry. I was glad to work with the Department of Transportation on this project, and I’m pleased this grant gets it one step closer to being completed.”

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure continued, “The City of Springfield is so excited about this transformational news! This grant will help the City take a giant step forward in carrying out the City Council priorities of Economic Vitality and Quality of Place. We are extremely grateful for the superb congressional support, which has made this grant a reality.”

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant will be used to reconstruct approximately 3.3 miles of a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path on Grant Avenue starting in Downtown Springfield and ending at Sunshine Street. The project will include bike lanes, a roundabout, two raised intersections, three protected intersections, a grade-separated crossing at Fassnight Creek, bridge enhancement, utility upgrades, fiber connectivity, additional crossing and signal timing improvements, outdoor incubator, and creek daylighting.

Blunt helped secure resources for BUILD Grants in [the FY2019 government funding bill](#).

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