



February 5, 2010

Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson;

This letter is regard to the appropriation request submitted by the City of Alliance. We are struggling to maintain Alliance's center business district. Box Butte Avenue is the primary retail/business area in Alliance. It has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Alliance Commercial Historic District. The project is to renovate the streetscape for the area to replicate its 1930's to 1950's appearance. This period was chosen due to the beginning growth of the railroad and the Alliance Air Base of World War 2. Additionally, the architectural style of the buildings along Box Butte Avenue is a very eclectic mix all the way from Neoclassical Revival to Art Deco.

The existing streetscape dates from the mid-1980 and the streetscape is beginning to deteriorate. We have received a Nebraska Department of Roads Transportation Enhancement Grant to replace the existing streetlights with replicates of the ones shown in a 1950 photograph. The street furniture, benches and trash receptacles will be period pieces with wooden slats being replaced to recycled plastic. The sidewalk patterning is proposed to be a mix of standard concrete and washed stone aggregate with a border of brick pavers to tie into the brick street.

The City of Alliance appreciates your assistance and support with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Yeager".

Ralph Yeager
Mayor
City of Alliance

