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The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express support for the City of Bloomington, Illinois' application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant funding. If approved the funding will support the city's Hamilton Road East-West Gap project, a major infrastructure development to complete a 7.2-mile east-west corridor connecting neighborhoods on the city's southwest side to jobs and other quality of life opportunities.

This development will enhance vehicular safety for thousands of drivers who use area roadways each day and reduce congestion along the Interstate 55 business route (Veterans Parkway). It will also improve employer access for workers employed along this corridor and connect the region's rural communities with important goods and services found in one of the city's primary business and retail centers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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C: Alan Maness, Vice President and Counsel