



July 7, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the City of Zimmerman as well as Livonia Township and I am writing to express my support. We currently have multiple existing commercial buildings, and also have one under construction with two more to start this fall. My tenants and residents I lease to must have a safe ingress/egress access to move on and off this busy highway.

This is an extremely deadly intersection and is rated in the top five intersections with the highest number of crashes (69 crashes between 2000 and 2002) and only growing deadlier. This is a safety need and not a want and will only continue to worsen with the already approved intersection upgrades to the south.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at my office number: 763-427-5955 or my cell: 612-282-9466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Kuker", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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