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The Honorable 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,

As Representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Minnesota, I am writing to express my strong support for Sherburne County's Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application. If awarded, the funding will be used 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 and County Road 4 Interchange Project is crucial to make our transportation system safer and eliminate congestions on one of the most important corridors in the upper Midwest. To that end, I respectfully request that you give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance as you make your determination.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress