



June 30, 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 the Zimmerman Area Chamber of Commerce's support for Sherburne County's 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.

This 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. 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.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the existing business community through improved highway access, and promote additional growth of commercial, retail and service businesses. This Project also significantly improves the safety of the local, regional, intrastate and interstate travelers. The Zimmerman Area Chamber fully supports Sherburne County's request.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kary Tillmann'.

Kary Tillmann  
Board Member