



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/Livonia Fire Department's support for Sherburne County's request for a 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant. As an Emergency First Responder and Fire Chief, I fully support the County's efforts to improve the safety and efficient operations of the proposed US Highway 169/County Road 4 (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. Elimination of the signalized intersection and grade separation will undoubtedly save lives through the elimination of broadside vehicle crashes, most occurring at highway speeds when a motorist disregards the traffic signal. While the proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169, it also 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 address critical safety and operational issues that have existed for 20+ years at this intersection.

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

Sincerely,


Ryan Maloney
Fire Chief