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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 15, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
United States Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Sherburne County, Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

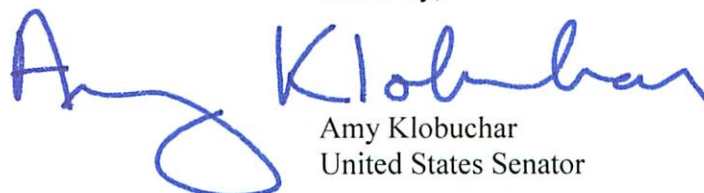
I am writing in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in Zimmerman, Minnesota. Completing this project would address critical safety concerns, enhance access to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and provide additional capacity to support increasing traffic volumes in the region.

U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route that extends from central Minnesota to the Twin Cities metropolitan area and into southern Minnesota. The highway serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Currently, U.S. Highway 169 in the city of Zimmerman is an outdated four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections, traffic signals at major intersections, and limited frontage road systems. The intersection remains as one of the last signalized intersections on U.S. Highway 169 and the State of Minnesota ranks this intersection as one of the most dangerous intersections in the state.

Funding from the INFRA Program would improve a critical junction in Minnesota's transportation network by installing a hybrid diamond interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Road 4 in Zimmerman, Minnesota. Completing the project would also consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on U.S. Highway 169 and include a multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on County Highway 4. This would eliminate significant safety issues, expand capacity, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries that rely on this critical corridor. This project would also help rural communities accommodate planned long-term growth and link them to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Again, I support Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at [Rommel\\_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov](mailto:Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator

TOM EMMER  
6TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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March 16, 2021

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RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA 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 INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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Construction of the US Highway 169 and County Road 4 Interchange Project is crucial to improve our transportation system to a more safe and efficient method to eliminate congestions to one of the most important corridors in the upper Midwest.

The project will allow continued growth to our region and state, I respectfully request that you give this 2021 INFRA 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

**SENATOR MARY KIFFMEYER**

District 30

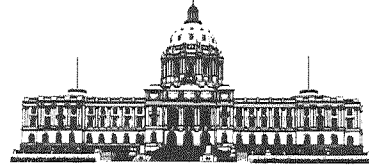
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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit my constituents by decreasing traffic delays, reducing the highway hurdle with the overabundance of stop lights and decrease obstacles to economic development. I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at (651) 296-5655 or [sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn](mailto:sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn).

Sincerely,

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Mary Kiffmeyer

Minnesota State Senator

District 30

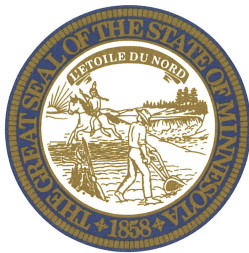


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**Shane Mekeland**  
State Representative  
District 15B



# Minnesota House of Representatives

March 11, 2021

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

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit our rapidly growing community of both new residents and new businesses and I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Shane Mekeland  
State Representative, 15B



**Sondra Erickson**  
State Representative

15A  
Mille Lacs  
Kanabec  
Sherburne



# Minnesota House of Representatives

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March 15, 2021

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the citizens who commute to the Twin Cities daily from areas as far away as Lake Mille Lacs and I am writing to express my support. These persons spend hours navigating the heavy flow of traffic on US 169 and must stop at the semaphore at Zimmerman, which often causes a backup of vehicles for up to a mile, slowing the ability of these workers to get to work on time.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at (651) 296-6746.

Sincerely,

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Sondra Erickson  
State Representative  
District 15A



**Paul Novotny**  
**State Representative**

District 30A



# Minnesota House of Representatives

March 8, 2021

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

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

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit my constituents and the surrounding communities by eliminating long backups into neighboring cities and by providing a safe way for pedestrian and bicycle traffic to cross the highway safely while minimizing wetland disturbances.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at 651-296-3240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Novotny 30A".

Rep. Paul Novotny  
House District 30A



**395 John Ireland Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55155**

March 16, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to support the US 169/County Road 4 interchange project for consideration under the 2021 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America program. The project is a local priority. The project addresses critical safety concerns and will provide crucial capacity to support increasing traffic volumes on US Highway 169.

US Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route in central Minnesota and serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. The project is regionally significant as it will serve several rural communities in Central Minnesota.

MnDOT is committed to maintaining the new interchange at US 169 and County Road 4 and is partnering with Sherburne County to study and address future maintenance issues. A future maintenance agreement with Sherburne County will be completed during project development.

MnDOT has not identified capital funding for this project in the State Transportation Improvement Program but looks forward to continued cooperation with Sherburne County as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Commissioner



March 10, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA 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 INFRA 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 (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 existing for 20+ years at this intersection.

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

Sincerely,

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Ryan Maloney  
Fire Chief





# Sherburne County Sheriff's Office

*"Commitment to Service with Integrity and Pride"*

**Sheriff Joel Brott**

March 12, 2021

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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Construction of the Interchange Project will greatly benefit our community and those that travel through it on their way to visit family, spend time up north, or simply commuting to and from their workplace. The northeast portion of our county is the fastest growing area in our jurisdiction; projections anticipate a 40% increase in traffic volume over the next 20 years. In the last five years alone, 92 crashes, including one fatality, have occurred at this intersection with damages estimated at \$15.9 million. Our deputies typically are the first to respond to these crashes, witnessing firsthand the lifechanging events that are put into motion. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office supports this initiative knowing we could provide a safer route, not only for motorists, but for pedestrian and bicyclists, alike.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration. If you have further questions, you may contact me at 763-765-3501 or via email at [joel.brott@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:joel.brott@co.sherburne.mn.us).

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Joel Brott

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Elk River, Minnesota City Council to express our support for Sherburne County, Minnesota's request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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. And 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 entire region served by the US 169 corridor which is why we express our support for this much needed project.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know.

Sincerely,

John J. Dietz  
Mayor  
City of Elk River

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Elk River, MN 55330  
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March 10, 2021

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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA 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 INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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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 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Kary Tillmann  
Board Member

March 8, 2021

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit ISD 728 staff and community members, creating safe opportunities to get to and from schools and local businesses. I am happy to support this initiative and am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions. I may be reached at 763-241-3401 or at [daniel.bittman@isd728.org](mailto:daniel.bittman@isd728.org).

Sincerely,

*Daniel Bittman*

Dr. Daniel Bittman  
Superintendent of Schools  
ISD 728