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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margaret Anderson Kelliher'.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Commissioner