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January 24, 2024

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

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County Bridges along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Minnehaha County Highway Department's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The BIP funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned replacement/rehabilitation of three bridges along County Highway 104 east of Dell Rapids, South Dakota. The project aligns with the goals and priorities of BIP funding opportunity by restoring bridges to a state of good repair while doing so within the existing right-of-way and minimizing the need for relocations. It also improves transportation safety, reduces surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, increases resilience to climate change, and promotes competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

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The improvements to the three bridges along the project corridor will strengthen our state's transportation system and contribute to growth in our region, including the anticipated growth of Minnehaha County itself.

I support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 BIP funding application your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 605.773.5105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joel Jundt'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joel Jundt
Secretary of Transportation

South Dakota Department of Transportation
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

January 26, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in regard to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program application submitted by Minnehaha County. Minnehaha County intends to use this grant to facilitate completion of the long-planned replacement/rehabilitation of three bridges along County Highway 104 east of Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

According to Minnehaha County, the existing bridges along County Highway 104 are in poor or fair condition, and are at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years. This causes several operational and safety issues for the roadway users, freight haulers and businesses along the corridor. These issues include structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete bridges with poor deck condition and geometry, and moderate scour conditions at underwater piers, among others.

I strongly urge you to give full and careful consideration to Minnehaha County's Bridge Investment Program application.

Sincerely,

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DUSTY JOHNSON
Member of Congress

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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February 20, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today to request full and fair consideration of the Minnehaha County Highway Department's application for Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funding.

The BIP funding would facilitate the replacement of three bridges in Minnehaha County along County Highway 104 east of Dell Rapids, South Dakota. The existing bridges are in poor condition or at risk of declining to poor condition in the next three years. The condition of these bridges is causing operational and safety issues for roadway users and businesses along the project corridor.

The proposed replacement of the three bridges along the project corridor will strengthen the South Dakota transportation system, specifically for locals, businesses and freight haulers. In doing so, the proposed project will improve transportation safety and promote competitiveness of the U.S. economy. It is also my understanding that this work will facilitate the growth of Minnehaha County as it welcomes new residents. The proposed project aligns with USDOT's strategic goals and the statutory project requirements of the BIP opportunity.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the Minnehaha County Highway Department's BIP funding application.

Sincerely,



M. Michael Rounds
United States Senator

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4105

<https://www.thune.senate.gov>

February 12, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

It has come to my attention Minnehaha County has submitted a request for funding from the United States Department of Transportation under the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). As a strong advocate for investing in our nation's infrastructure, I write in support of their application.

Should they receive BIP funding, Minnehaha County would complete the replacement and reconstruction of three bridge structures along County Highway 104 in southeast South Dakota. The existing bridges are in poor condition and are structurally deficient. I applaud county officials for their efforts in making significant improvements to this vital, growing commercial corridor, as the long-planned project will serve the area's surface transportation system well.

As you know, making necessary investments into our nation's infrastructure system is important to job creation and sustained economic growth in communities throughout the country. Your thorough review of their application would be greatly appreciated, and I urge you to give it every consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards,



JOHN THUNE
United States Senator

February 1, 2024

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

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County Bridges along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Minnehaha County Highway Department's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The BIP funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned replacement/rehabilitation of three bridges along County Highway 104 east of Dell Rapids, SD. The Project aligns with the goals and priorities of BIP funding opportunity by restoring bridges to a state of good repair while doing so within the existing right-of-way and minimizing the need for relocations. It also improves transportation safety, reduces surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, increases resilience to climate change, and promotes competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

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The improvements to the three bridges along the project corridor will strengthen our transportation system and contribute to growth in our region, including the anticipated growth of Minnehaha County itself.

I support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 BIP funding application your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at randy.gross@sdlegislature.gov.

Sincerely,



Randy Gross
25th District State Representative
South Dakota State Legislature

January 23, 2024

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

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County Bridges along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

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I support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 BIP funding application your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 605.999.2948 (fill in your information).

Sincerely,

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Tom Pischke
State Senator – District 25



SOUTH DAKOTA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 19, 2024

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

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County Bridges
along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

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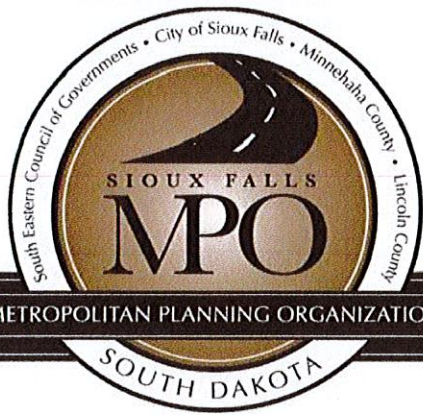
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I support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Sincerely,

Joe Fiala
Partner Relations Director
South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development



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March 14, 2024

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

RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County
Bridges along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Sioux Falls MPO is writing in support of the Minnehaha County Highway Department's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The BIP funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned replacement/rehabilitation of three bridges along County Highway 104 east of Dell Rapids, SD. The Project aligns with the goals and priorities of BIP funding opportunity by restoring bridges to a state of good repair while doing so within the existing right-of-way and minimizing the need for relocations. It also improves transportation safety, reduces surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, increases resilience to climate change, and promotes competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

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We support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan

Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 BIP funding application your full consideration and if we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sioux Falls MPO. A representative at the Sioux Falls MPO may be reached by phone (605-681-8176) or email (sean@secog.org).

Sincerely,



Carol Twedt, Chair
Urbanized Development Commission
Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization

DELL RAPIDS

SOUTH DAKOTA

January 24, 2024

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United States Secretary of Transportation
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RE: Letter of Support for FY 2023-2024 Bridge Investment Program: Minnehaha County Bridges along County Highway 104, Minnehaha County, SD

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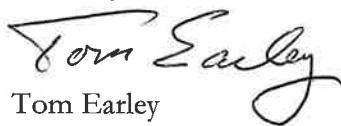
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I support Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 BIP funding application your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 605-428-3595.

Sincerely,



Tom Earley
Mayor
City of Dell Rapids

January 23, 2024

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United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely,



Rick Everist
Vice President
L.G. Everist, Inc.



March 19, 2024

Sioux Metro Growth Alliance
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United States Secretary of Transportation
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MSA, this project would directly lead to increased safety, better access to and from our communities, and better economic outcomes for years to come.

The Sioux Metro Growth Alliance supports Minnehaha County's application for the funding of bridges along County Highway 104 and urges DOT's support to the infrastructure investment in our region. We appreciate your full consideration of this funding request and would be happy to answer any questions on how important this is to our region. Please feel free to reach me directly at 605-679-7149 or at TylerT@siouxmetro.com.

Sincerely,

Tyler Tordsen
President & CEO
Sioux Metro Growth Alliance