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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to submit the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning grant application for the Planning for Tomorrow: Developing Comprehensive Bridge Management Plans for Sustainable Infrastructure Resilience in Minnesota.

The project will develop strategic asset management plans for seven high priority bridges across the state's Trunk Highway System. These bridges cross major rivers, support elevated levels of traffic volume, and, if they need to be replaced, will be high-cost projects. The goal is to prioritize preservation and extend the life of these bridges through proactive planning and management.

This project will identify key preservation and maintenance activities that improve the condition of bridges, extend structure service life, reduce the number of bridges that deteriorate to poor condition, and ultimately reduce the total person and freight miles over poor condition bridges in Minnesota. This planning project aligns with MnDOT's overall Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and MnDOT Bridge High Priority Preservation strategy. This strategic asset management planning effort is designed to link medium and long-range planning to programming and delivery.

The project cost and grant request is \$2.88 million of BIP grant funding. The planning project is anticipated to start in April 2025 and be completed in mid-2028. There will be 3 phases of the project, to address 3 groups of bridges (in priority order). This makes the project scalable and separable, if needed.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor