

February 16, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

RECONSTRUCTION OF 40TH AVENUE NORTH BRIDGES OVER I-29 & BNSF RAILWAY

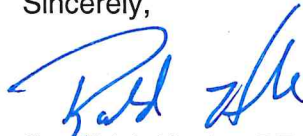
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is pleased to submit this application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The BIP funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned replacement of two bridges along 40th Avenue North, located over Interstate 29 (I-29) and BNSF railroad in Fargo, ND.

Both bridges along 40th Avenue North are approximately 840 feet apart. One bridge spans over the BNSF rail lines while the other bridge spans over I-29 to the west. The vertical alignment of 40th Avenue North as it crosses the railroad creates sight distance challenges and confusion for westbound vehicle. This leads to unsafe travel conditions as drivers erroneously attempt to make a "wrong way" left turn at the northbound ramp, which contributes to the severity of crashes at this location.

The bridges are critical pieces of the region's intermodal freight network, providing direct access across I-29 to air cargo operations and the region's primary industrial growth area. As Fargo and surrounding region continues to grow and freight traffic continues to increase transportation challenges, these improvements will address these challenges and strengthen the transportation system, sustaining the growth of Fargo, the region, and ND.

In the event of an award, NDDOT is committing the dollar amount from the specified sources for this project as noted in the application. We look forward to working with the USDOT to deliver a safer and more efficient transportation system.

Sincerely,



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Director

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