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January 7, 2025

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

Re: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application for East Grand Forks-Grand Forks Regional Bridge Crossing(s) Planning Project in East Grand Forks, Minnesota and Grand Forks, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for East Grand Forks-Grand Forks Regional Bridge Crossing(s) planning project in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and Grand Forks, North Dakota.

This project will facilitate completion of the planning efforts to conduct preliminary and final engineering design, environmental documentation and permitting for the long-planned bridge connection across the Red River between the Cities of East Grand Forks, Minnesota and Grand Forks, North Dakota. It will support a range of multimodal options that address diverse local and regional community needs while utilizing an innovative, multi-agency partnership to address critical mobility and connectivity, quality of life, equity and economic challenges in the growing East Grand Forks-Grand Forks area.

A new river crossing between the two cities will enhance safety, reduce congestion at the existing crossings and build active transportation infrastructure to strengthen the current roadway network. The project will address these challenges by providing a safer connection for freight and vehicular traffic across the Red River that includes multimodal access for all users walking, rolling, bicycling or taking transit between the cities and surrounding areas. The proposed planning activities will aim to strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

It is the Minnesota Department of Transportation's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. There is no timeline for construction for this project.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.  
Commissioner

cc: Reid Huttunen, City Administrator, City of East Grand Forks  
John Anderson, District Engineer, District 2, Minnesota Department of Transportation

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