

August 17, 2023

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 MPDG Opportunity: North Dakota I-29 Cross-Median
Crash Elimination Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity. The MPDG funding would facilitate completion of long-planned safety improvements. The project will install 67-miles of high-tension median cable guardrail (HTMCG) in the median along Interstate 29 (I-29) from Fargo to Grand Forks, ND. The project will enhance safety and reliability of I-29 between two of North Dakota's four Metropolitan Statistical Areas, from Fargo to Grand Forks.

The project aligns with USDOT's strategic goals as the installation of HTMCG will reduce cross-median crashes along I-29; reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with crash-related incidents and resultant delays, closures, and/or detours; improve the resiliency and reliability of I-29 as an important statewide and international freight corridor; and increase the quality of life for travelers along I-29.

(Please add any details you are comfortable sharing about your organization and its operations and/or expansion plans in the area. This can also include how the project would positively impact your organization) The installation of HTMCG along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport by increasing safety and contribute to growth in our region, including the anticipated growth of (name of your organization) itself.

I support NDDOT's application for the funding of the I-29 Cross-Median Crash Elimination Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this FY 2023-2024 MPDG funding proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at (fill in your information).

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Company/Organization/Agency