

March 22, 2022

Pete Buttigieg U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the City of Zimmerman as well as Livonia Township, and I am writing to express my support. We currently have multiple existing commercial buildings, one under construction, and own additional developable property. My tenants and residents I lease to must have a safe ingress/egress access to move on and off this busy highway.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at my office 763-427-5955 or my cell 612-282-9466.

Sincerely,

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