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August 15, 2023

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

Re: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost Saving Transportation Grant
Common Application for the I-94 Snow Fences Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to submit the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation grant common application for the I-94 Snow Fences project. This project will complete the corridor wide snow fence project along I-94 from Moorhead, Minnesota to Alexandria, Minnesota. This corridor serves a key role in the regional economy and serves as a vital freight-commuting corridor, connecting disadvantaged communities to services and employment opportunities.

The I-94 Snow Fences project aligns with the goals of the PROTECT program, the Federal Highway Administration and the USDOT by strengthening the surface transportation system, making it more resilient to natural hazards, including extreme weather events. Through the use of structural snow fences, this project will improve highway safety, minimize the demand for wintertime maintenance and snow removal and reduce the occurrence of road closures during winter storm and blowing snow events.

The completion of this project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transportation and contribute to growth in our region.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Nancy' being more prominent.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Shiloh Wahl, P.E., District Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation