

July 18, 2023

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

Subject: Letter of Support for 2022/2023 PROTECT Grant Program: Interstate 94
Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) support of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant. Metro COG is the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fargo-Moorhead area, responsible for developing the federally recognized Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the programming of federal transportation funds within the Metro COG Planning Area, which includes the City of Moorhead and many other local jurisdictions in Clay County, Minnesota.

The PROTECT funding would facilitate completion of the corridor wide snow fence project along Interstate 94 between the cities of Moorhead and Alexandria. The Project will enhance the resilience of I-94, a corridor that serves a key role in the regional economy and serves as a vital freight commuting corridor, and connects disadvantaged communities to services and employment opportunities. by improving highway safety, minimizing the demand for wintertime maintenance, and reducing the need to close the road during winter storm and blowing snow events.

The Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project aligns with the goals of the PROTECT program, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the USDOT by strengthening the surface transportation system, making it more resilient to natural hazards, including extreme weather events. Through the use of living and structural snow fences, this project will improve highway safety,

minimize the demand for wintertime maintenance and snow removal, and reduce the occurrence of road closure during winter storm and blowing snow events.

The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region. Safety for the travelling public is always a major concern at Metro COG, as exhibited by the recent awarding of a Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Grant to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for our entire Transportation Planning Area. These snow fences are a vital component for both commerce and safety.

Metro COG supports the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 701-532-5103 or via e-mail at griffith@fmmetrocog.org.

Yours in public service,



Ben Griffith, AICP
Executive Director
FARGO-MOORHEAD METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
c: Jeremy Peterson, MnDOT District 4



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August 14, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for the 2022/2023 PROTECT Grant Program: Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project, Minnesota

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Our Fire Department responds to incidents along I-94 from mile marker 53 to 60 and have been faced with significant snow events along this stretch. Closing the interstate often occurs at mile marker 54 which has created significant traffic backup along roads within our community in the vicinity of the off ramps. Directing the traffic during the initial closure places a burden on our Fire and Police Departments. The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the West Central Minnesota I-94 Blowing and Drifting Snow Control Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any

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questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached either by phone or by email, 218-332-5552 or ryan.muchow@ci.fergus-falls.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Muchow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" and last name "Muchow" clearly distinguishable.

Ryan Muchow
Fire Chief
City of Fergus Falls

July 24, 2023

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Sincerely,



Ken Foltz

Vice President

Foltz Trucking, Inc.



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July 13, 2023

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Part of the mission of the Minnesota State Patrol is to help provide for safe, efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota roadways. To add to that, our biggest goal is to prevent death, injuries, property damage, and life changing events on the roadway. We work closely with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to achieve that goal on a daily basis. Winter weather in this area is one of the biggest challenges we face. Our past coordinated work with MNDOT has allowed for improvements in segments of the roadway with the utilization snow fences. These areas have seen a significant safety improvement not only

for the public that uses it, but also for the troopers and other emergency responders that have to respond to incidents in that area.

One of the common challenges we have seen since the segmented installation of these fences is it tends to shift the blowing snow, ice, and visibility issues to other areas. The completion of the Interstate 94 snow fences from Moorhead to Alexandria along the project corridor will not only strengthen our system of transportation and contribute to growth in our region, but will also reduce life-changing events on our roadways, and provide for a safer work environment for emergency responders and maintenance workers.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 218-846-8240 or by email at brian.cheney@state.mn.us
Sincerely,

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Captain Brian Cheney
District Commander- Detroit Lakes
Minnesota State Patrol



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SHERIFF
MARK EMPTING

July 14, 2023

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I have worked for the Sheriff's Office since 2001 and have responded to many crashes and vehicles in the ditch on I-94 during the winter months. The addition of the snow fences on I-94 have assisted by increasing visibility during winter weather events and reduced the number of crashes due to blow ice. The Sheriff's Office works closely with the Minnesota State Patrol during winter weather events on I-94 and I have seen first-hand the benefit of the snow fences. By increasing visibility during weather events, the snow fences also provide extra protection to the law enforcement officers working on the roadway. The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow



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Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 218-299-5155 or by email at mark.empting@claycountymn.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Empting".

Mark Empting – Sheriff
Clay County Sheriff's Office



August 14, 2023

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The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region. Trucking is vital to our supply chain and this segment of road is vital to truckers.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the West Central Minnesota I-94 Blowing and Drifting Snow Control Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at john@mntruck.org or 651-295-5672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hausladen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" that loops around the first part of the name.

John Hausladen
President
Minnesota Trucking Association

July 17, 2023

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I am an adjacent landowner along the I-94 corridor, and I recently partnered with MnDOT to install structural snow fence on my property even though it adversely affects my farming operations. I want to stress my support for this project as I have seen firsthand how impactful snow fences are to the motoring public. The completion of the I-94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project will strengthen our system of transport, contribute to growth in our region and save lives.

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Sincerely,

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Bryan Oberg
Owner
Oberg LLC.

August 11, 2023

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I work for a public transportation company that is directly located on Interstate 94 in the middle of Moorhead and Alexandria, Minnesota. This portion of the interstate is heavily traveled and is very difficult in the winter with our snow accumulation. This snow fence would greatly assist in having successful transportation in this area. The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

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Sincerely,

Kayla Sullivan
Director of Transportation
Transit Alternatives, Inc

July 21, 2023

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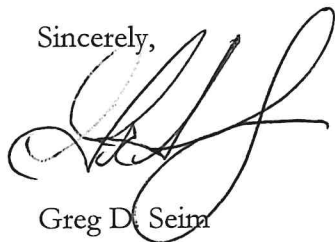
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Interstate 94 travels through multiple miles in the Southwest portion of Otter Tail County. During extreme winter events traveling becomes difficult to include closing of the interstate in our jurisdiction. This puts high demand on our Deputies as we assist the MN State Patrol with events on the Interstate. We strive for safety of motorists and our staff through these events and completion of this snow fence would assist us and the public to travel more safely. The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the West Central Minnesota I-94 Blowing and Drifting Snow Control Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 218-998-8528

Sincerely,

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Greg D. Seim

Lieutenant

Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office

417 S. Court St

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

August 9, 2023

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Sincerely,



Joe Tillman
Mayor, Rothsay, MN

August 2, 2023

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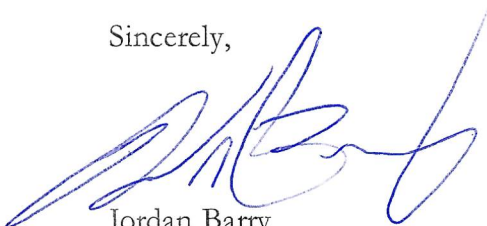
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Sincerely,



Jordan Barry
Chief, Rothsay Fire & Rescue
fire@rothsay.org

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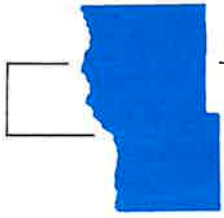
My agency operates an advanced life support ground ambulance and responds to more than 33,000 requests annually. As you can imagine, we travel this roadway often and ambulance response is a key element of both the public safety and health care systems. The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

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Sincerely,



Tim Meyer, BS, NRP, CMTE
Senior Director of Emergency Services
Sanford Ambulance, Sanford AirMed



Wilkin County, Minnesota

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July 28, 2023

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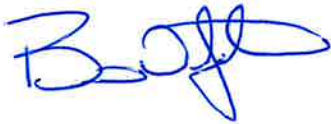
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The Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project aligns with the goals of the PROTECT program, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the USDOT by strengthening the surface transportation system, making it more resilient to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

The completion of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria project along the project corridor will strengthen our system of transport and contribute to growth in our region.

I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project, Minnesota and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at (218) 643-4772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Noetzelman", with a stylized, flowing script.

Brian Noetzelman

Wilkin County Engineer

August 2, 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 the 2022/2023 PROTECT Grant Program: Interstate 94 Snow Fences from Moorhead to Alexandria Project, Minnesota

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I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for the funding of the West Central I-94 Blowing and Drifting Snow Control Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022/2023 PROTECT Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 218-643-8544.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Harris', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Harris
Wilkin County Sheriff
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