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June 30, 2021

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

RE: City of Maple Grove, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

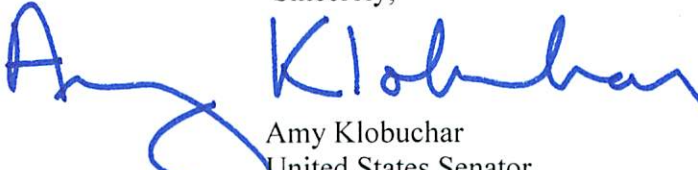
I write in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete connections from U.S. Highway 610 to Interstate 94 and County Road 30. This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases accessibility, and accommodates future growth and development in the region.

U.S. Highway 610 is a key interregional corridor that is essential for both businesses and commuters. It connects the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area to businesses and industries in central Minnesota and supports one of the fastest growing regions in Minnesota. The U.S. Highway 610 corridor is experiencing rapid development as countless businesses and industries are now located along the highway and new residents continue to move into the region. In order to accommodate the significant growth in the region, additions and improvements to infrastructure are necessary.

Funding from the RAISE Program would be used to construct and complete connections from U.S. Highway 610 to Interstate 94 and County Road 30. By linking urban, suburban, and rural areas along the I-94 corridor together, the connections would improve access to jobs, public transit hubs, and health care facilities, as well as support commercial transportation across our state. The project would also improve traffic capacity along Interstate 94 and provide direct and reliable access to both I-94 and U.S. Highway 610.

Again, I support the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2310

July 9, 2021

Mr. Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

To Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to encourage your strong consideration of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. This application would fund the completion of Trunk Highway (TH) 610 connections to I-94 and to County Road 30 in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

This regionally significant project would complete a 50-year effort to connect I-94 and I-35W, locally known as the North Crosstown. BUILD grant funds would be used to address critical safety, access, and capacity issues necessary to accommodate future growth. The North Crosstown area has long been a region of economic growth and development. There are approximately 600 acres of mixed-use development within this area along with additional medical facilities to accompany the new regional hospital. These connections are essential, not only to ensure access to medical facilities, but also to stimulate economic growth in the region

For the reasons above, I encourage your strong consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jake Schwitzer on my staff at 651-221-1016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" and last name "Smith" clearly legible.

US Senator Tina Smith

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (Funding Opportunity Number: DTOS59-21-RA-RAISE).

If approved, the City of Maple Grove would use these funds to connect Minnesota Highway 610 to Interstate 94 and Hennepin County Road 30. This Highway 610 Completion Project would achieve a fifty-year vision of connecting 1-35W to I-94, historically referred to as the North Crosstown.

This is a regionally significant project supported by local and regional transportation planning. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near this project, including housing, employment centers in health care and industrial development, and retail/commercial developments. As the areas around the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area continue to grow, this project would provide members of the community much needed access to these developments while also addressing critical safety concerns, increasing regional accessibility, alleviating congestion, and enhancing mobility.

For these reasons, I hope you strongly consider the City of Maple Grove's application for funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project through the RAISE Grant Program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my District Chief of Staff, Zach Rodvold, at zach.rodvold@mail.house.gov or by phone at 952-207-9960.

Sincerely,



Dean Phillips
Member of Congress

TOM EMMER
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July 8, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

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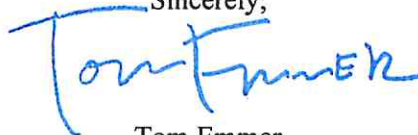
As Representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Minnesota, I am writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to lucrative job opportunities and better access to healthcare. The project is also focused to help reduce traffic congestion while effectively enhancing mobility for all users in Maple Grove and the surrounding area, making travel movements smoother and more efficient.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve several suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

I strongly support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. I respectfully request that you give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance as you make your determination.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress

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June 23, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant for the completion of Trunk Highway (TH) 610 connections to I-94 and to County Road 30 in Maple Grove, Minnesota, serving western Hennepin County and beyond. This regionally significant project is supported by and consistent with local and regional transportation planning and will complete a five-decade long effort to connect I-94 and I-35W, historically referred to as the North Crosstown. The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin County and areas along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight.

RAISE grant funds will be used to address critical safety, access, and capacity issues necessary to accommodate future growth. Approximately 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned within this area along with the development of additional medical facilities to accompany the new regional hospital located at the confluence of I-94 and Highway 610. These improvements will not only assist in providing access to critical emergency and health care services, but also support further economic expansion in the region.

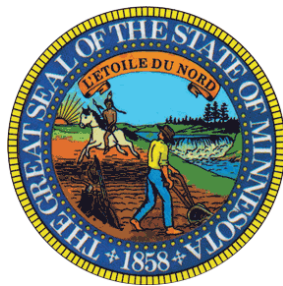
Construction of the Highway 610 improvements will greatly benefit my constituents and I am writing to express my support. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full attention and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 651-296-2159.

Sincerely,

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Warren Limmer
Chair, Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Minnesota House of Representatives



Kristin Robbins
State Representative

District 34A

June 8, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant for the completion of Trunk Highway (TH) 610 connections to I-94 and to County Road 30 in Maple Grove, Minnesota, serving western Hennepin County and beyond. This regionally significant project is supported by and consistent with local and regional transportation planning and will complete a five-decade long effort to connect I-94 and I-35W, historically referred to as the "North Crosstown." The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin County and areas along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, and health care, as well as supporting the movement of freight.

RAISE grant funds will be used to address critical safety, access, and capacity issues necessary to accommodate future growth. Approximately 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned within this area along with the development of additional medical facilities to accompany the new regional hospital located at the confluence of I-94 and Highway 610. These improvements will not only assist in providing access to critical emergency and health care services, but also support job creation and additional economic expansion in the region.

Construction of the Highway 610 improvements will greatly benefit my constituents in Maple Grove, as well as citizens and businesses throughout the region. I am strongly supporting this project and hope you will give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal every consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I may be reached at Rep.Kristin.Robbins@house.mn or 612-819-9217. Should your schedule permit, I would be delighted to give you a tour of the area so you can see firsthand how important this project is to the region.

Sincerely,

Rep. Kristin Robbins
Minnesota State Representative

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Kristin Bahner
State Representative
Vice Chair, Elections
District 34B



Minnesota House of Representatives

July 9, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant for the completion of Trunk Highway (TH) 610 connections to I-94 and to County Road 30 in Maple Grove, Minnesota, serving western Hennepin County and beyond. This regionally significant project is supported by and consistent with local and regional transportation planning and will complete a five-decade long effort to connect I-94 and I-35W, historically referred to as the North Crosstown. The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin County and areas along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight.

RAISE grant funds will be used to address critical safety, access, and capacity issues necessary to accommodate future growth. Approximately 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned within this area along with the development of additional medical facilities to accompany the new regional hospital located at the confluence of I-94 and Highway 610. These improvements will not only assist in providing access to critical emergency and health care services, but also support further economic expansion in the region.

Construction of the Highway 610 improvements will greatly benefit my Maple Grove and Osseo constituents and I am writing to express my support. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full attention and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at rep.kristin.bahner@house.mn or 612-868-3035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Bahner".

Kristin Bahner
Minnesota State Representative
Maple Grove and Osseo (34B)





City of Maple Grove

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July 1, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program
Highway 610 Completion Project – Maple Grove, Minnesota**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is a pleasure to provide this letter of support for the City of Maple Grove's request for federal funding of the Highway 610 Completion project in Maple Grove, Minnesota, funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The completion of Trunk Highway (TH) 610 / US 10 has long been part of the vision of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Hennepin and Anoka Counties, the Metropolitan Council and all the cities along its corridor since the 1960s. A tremendous amount of energy, resources in the form of "bricks and mortar," and studies have gone into this project over the years and decades. Now is the time to direct available funding to finish off the last small segment of what is, not only a major arterial within the north metro area, but also a route of commerce within the state.

By definition, RAISE grant projects demands that projects have a significant/positive impact on our local and regional community, have broad local support, and are a good use of taxpayer funds. I submit that the Highway 610 completion project achieves each of these program criteria and is shovel ready within 12 months. The following specifically addresses the project selection criteria of the RAISE grant program and enumerates the benefits of the inclusion of Highway 610 completion project.

Significant/positive impact on local and regional community

The Highway 610 completion project will have clear, direct, significant, and positive impacts on the local and regional community including:

- **Improve safety and reduce crashes:** There will be a 14 percent reduction in the crashes within the study area by constructing the project due to the reduction of traffic volumes along parallel corridors that possess high number of traffic signals and uncontrolled access. This corresponds to a \$35.1 million crash savings over 20-years.

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- **Support economic development and job access:** Over 5,000 jobs exist within a two-mile radius of the project, of which over 40 percent are concentrated in health care due to adjacent medical facilities. Large-scale economic development projects are planned adjacent to the project and over the next 20 years all three growth areas are estimated to produce over 11,000 jobs (in addition to the 5,000 existing).

Additionally, the developments include thousands of residential units, parks and recreation areas, commercial/retail destinations, and a trail network that will significantly expand the regional system.

- **Reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions:** The project provides specific greenhouse gas emission benefits by reducing nearly 2.2 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions over 20 years as a result of improved traffic flow. This equates to the removal of approximately 23,700 emitting over that time.
- **Enhance regional mobility:** The north and west areas of Maple Grove, as well as rural communities west of the project in Hennepin and Wright Counties, currently lack an east-west arterial link to regionally connect residents, commuters, and freight to the employment centers and services along TH 610 and I-94. The Highway 610 completion project will complete this missing arterial connection.
- **Improved access and emergency response times to Maple Grove Hospital:** The additional access provided at the existing I-94 / TH 610 interchange by this project and the subsequent reduction of traffic along Maple Grove Parkway (40%) and County Road 30 (20%) will inherently improve access and emergency response times to the Maple Grove Hospital. The hospital is the only facility within 20 miles for rural communities to the west of the project. As the hospital and its nearby supporting medical facilities continue to expand over the next 20 years, clear, reliable, and accessible routes are critical.

Broad local community support

Local chambers of commerce and industry groups, such as the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce and the I-94 West Corridor Coalition comprised of county, city, and private partners, have been supporting the funding of Highway 610 for decades. It has been the efforts of groups like these working collaboratively with MnDOT that has resulted in the completion of the earlier phases of Highway 610 corridor. Highway 610 also received the attention of United States senators and congressional representatives who have collectively secured high priority project funds for previous phases of the corridor. Additionally, MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council have identified this project within their respective STIP and TIP.

Good use of taxpayer funds

The TH 610/US 10 corridor is approximately seventeen miles long -- extending from I-94 in the northwest metro to I-35W in the northeast. Over the course of the last three decades, numerous phases of the project have been completed involving hundreds of millions of dollars of investment. A 1.5-mile segment remains within Maple Grove that, when completed, would provide for a continuous corridor serving the north metro area and the State of Minnesota.

Upon completion of this proposed project, the final connections would result in reduced travel time and a more reliable route for commercial vehicles and commuters. The sooner this project is completed, the sooner those travel cost savings and commercial development can occur.

Project readiness

The City of Maple Grove is working cooperatively with MnDOT and Hennepin County to complete the necessary updates to the environmental documents that were completed in 2013 as part of the most recent phase of the TH 610 project. In conjunction with that documentation a draft interchange access modification request has been prepared. Based upon approved preliminary design, the Federal Highway Administration stands ready to provide the federal approvals necessary to advance the project to construction. Additionally, much of the needed right of way has been acquired through collaborative efforts of the city and state.

In summary, it is the City of Maple Grove's opinion that the Highway 610 completion project is an excellent candidate to receive federal funding through the RAISE grant program. I urge you to come to that same conclusion and finishing this project at this time is the right thing to do.

If I can be of further assistance during your deliberation on project selection, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Steffenson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Steffenson
Mayor

cc: Heidi Nelson, City Administrator, City of Maple Grove
Ken Ashfeld, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Maple Grove
John Hagen, Transportation Operations Engineer, City of Maple Grove



**395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55155**

June 23, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to support the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application for the Highway 610 Extension Project in the city of Maple Grove, located in Hennepin County. This project is a locally led project on MnDOT's Trunk Highway System. The project will extend the existing I-94/Trunk Highway 610 interchange to the west, realigning it with Hennepin County CSAH 30. The TH 610 Extension Project will complete the unfinished system interchange at I-94 and TH 610, improve traffic capacity along I-94 by adding auxiliary lanes between TH 610 and Maple Grove Parkway, and upgrade/realign Hennepin County CSAH 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.

Currently, the total project cost estimate is \$53.9 million. Maple Grove has been awarded \$7,000,000 from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation and \$13,000,000 in state bonds through the Local Road Improvement Program. MnDOT currently has this project included in the MnDOT State Transportation Improvement Program. It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps beyond the MnDOT commitment. This project is planned for construction in 2023.

MnDOT is committed to continue partnering with Maple Grove as we develop this project and explore other funding opportunities, and MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with Maple Grove as this effort moves forward to improve critical safety and mobility on TH 610, I-94, and the local system.

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

Sincerely,

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Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

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HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
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Re: Support for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Application
Highway 610 Extension Project | From CSAH 30 (93rd Avenue) to I-94/TH 610

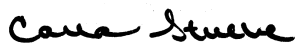
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Hennepin County has been notified that the City of Maple Grove is submitting an application for funding as part of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program through the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Highway 610 Extension Project.

Hennepin County supports the city's funding application for this project which will provide various mobility improvements in the Maple Grove area; including: additional access to I-94, extension of Highway 610 to the west, connections to the local roadway system, and introduction of multimodal facilities. At this time, Hennepin County has no funding programmed in its 2021-2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for this project. Therefore, county staff is unable to commit county cost participation in this project. However, we kindly ask that the City of Maple Grove continues to include county staff in the project development process to ensure project success.

Additionally, Hennepin County understands that the City of Maple Grove will be the owner and operator of non-trunk highway portions of the project; whereas, MnDOT will be the owner and operator of trunk highway portions of the project. Hennepin County looks forward to continuing coordination with the City of Maple Grove on this project.

Sincerely,



Carla Stueve, P.E., P.T.O.E.
Transportation Project Delivery Director and County Engineer

Cc: Jason Pieper, P.E. - Transportation Engineer

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July 1, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant: Highway 610 Completion

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing this letter to express our support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 USDOT RAISE grant to fund the Highway 610 Completion across I-94 to County Road 30 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

This regionally significant project is supported by and consistent with local and regional transportation planning and will complete a five-decade long effort to connect I-94 and I-35W, historically referred to as the North Crosstown. The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin and Wright Counties as well as areas beyond along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight.

This key transportation corridor is almost complete except for one of the connections to I-94 and the westerly connection for Hennepin County Road 30. Benefits of the project include:

- Completes unfinished "system interchange" at I-94 & Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610
- Improved access opportunities for adjacent development

The project will address safety, access and capacity issues while providing the last piece of infrastructure in the overall Highway 610 project that was originally planned for in 1986.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Grant proposal your full attention. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Virgil G. Hawkins, P.E.
Wright County Highway Engineer

Cc: Wright County Board of Commissioners
Ken Ashfeld, City of Maple Grove Public Works Director/City Engineer
Chad Hausmann, Assistant County Engineer



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July 6, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)

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In the coming years, the City plans to enhance and expand Maple Grove Transit services. Maple Grove Transit Route 730 (formerly known as Route 784) is a planned local suburban fixed route that makes connections from the northwest section of Maple Grove through the heart of the City to major trip generators in adjacent communities. This future route will connect both Maple Grove transit stations with the Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT). A future goal is to expand this route into a circulator style or with route branches that serve the growing northwest portion of the City and other neighboring Cities. The Highway 610 Completion provides an efficient diversion for future peak hour feeder and possibly even express line routes. The diversion would also open up opportunities for additional stops to serve the future growth along CSAH 30 and Highway 610.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Grant application your full attention. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Opatz

Mike Opatz
Transit Administrator
Maple Grove Transit



June 30, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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**Re: 2021 RAISE Grant Program
Letter of Support for the Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)**

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I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Jillian Hendrickson, Mayor

Cc: City Council



Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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(Maple Grove, MN)**

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I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE 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 dfisher@cityofdaytonmn.com

Sincerely,

Dennis Fisher
Mayor of Dayton

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June 30, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610
Completion (Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I, on behalf of the City of Monticello, writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Hilgart, Mayor
City of Monticello



June 11, 2021

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

Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached via email at jstockamp@ci.otsego.mn.us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica L. Stockamp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica L. Stockamp
Mayor
City of Otsego, MN



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June 24, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610
Completion (Maple Grove, MN) – from City of Rogers, MN**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today on behalf of the City of Rogers, Minnesota, in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area, including the City of Rogers. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. Regional growth is tied directly to such continued corridor improvements.

The City of Rogers supports the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE 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 (763) 229-5511 and ssthmer@rogersmn.gov.

Sincerely,

Steve Stahmer
City Administrator
City of Rogers



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June 30, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Hwy 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

We support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-416-7931.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Bot, P.E.
City Administrator/Public Works Director



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June 17, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

In Minnesota the investments in transportation are supporting economic activity by connecting businesses, jobs, and resources. I am writing this letter to express our support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Grant Program to fund the Highway 610 connection across I-94 to County Road 30 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Since the inception of this corridor, over \$250 million has been invested on the TH 610 corridor from I-35W on the east end to I-94 on the west. This key transportation corridor is almost complete with the exception of one of the connection to I-94 and the westerly connection for Hennepin County Road 30. Benefits of the project include:

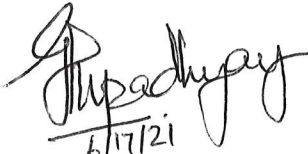
- Improved access opportunities for approximately 600 acres of adjacent development.
- Completes unfinished "system interchange" at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways.
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.

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The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin County and areas along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight. The project also addresses safety, access and capacity issues while providing the last piece of infrastructure in the overall Highway 610 project that was originally planned for in 1986.

The City of Maple Grove and their business partners has a proven track record of providing transportation infrastructure to move people and their products efficiently to and from markets. This unique opportunity to secure funding for the Highway 610 Completion project is timely and critical to Minnesota's economic outlook. We appreciate your support of this major project.

Sincerely,



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Gokul Upadhyay
Temple Manager



June 1, 2021

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

Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion (Maple Grove, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Continued investments in local and regional transportation are supporting economic activity by connecting businesses, jobs, and resources. As the local hospital and medical campus, these investments have also supported safe and more convenient access to emergency and other medical services. I am writing this letter to express our support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Grant Program to fund the Highway 610 connection across I-94 to County Road 30 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Since the inception of this corridor, over \$250 million has been invested on the TH 610 corridor from I-35W on the east end to I-94 on the west. This key transportation corridor is almost complete with the exception of one of the connection to I-94 and the westerly connection for Hennepin County Road 30. Benefits of the project include:

- Improved access opportunities for approximately 600 acres of adjacent development.
- Completes unfinished "system interchange" at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways.
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes.
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.

The requested improvements support access to employment, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight. This final piece of infrastructure also addresses safety, access and capacity issues including taking a significant amount of traffic off of local roadways utilized by hospital and school-related traffic.

The City of Maple Grove and their business partners have a proven track record of working together to providing transportation infrastructure that allows safe and efficient movement of people, products and services in the market. This unique opportunity to secure funding for the Highway 610 Completion project is timely and critical to Minnesota's economic outlook. We appreciate your support of this major project.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Cochrane
Chief Executive Officer

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June 1, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

In Minnesota, the investments in transportation are supporting economic activity by connecting businesses, jobs, and resources. I am writing this letter to express our support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Grant Program to fund the Highway 610 connection across I-94 to County Road 30 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Since the inception of this corridor, over \$250 million has been invested on the TH 610 corridor from I-35W on the east end to I-94 on the west. This key transportation corridor is almost complete with the exception of one of the connection to I-94 and the westerly connection for Hennepin County Road 30. Benefits of the project include:

- Improved access opportunities for approximately 600 acres of adjacent development.
- Completes unfinished "system interchange" at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways.
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes.
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.

As the fifth largest school district in the state of Minnesota, we have significant logistical challenges in transporting our students to and from school in the safest and most efficient manner. Completion of this project is integral to creating flexibility and opportunities for our transportation department staff, school bus contractors, and the students and families we serve.

The City of Maple Grove and their business partners has a proven track record of providing transportation infrastructure to move people and their products efficiently to and from markets. This unique opportunity to secure funding for the Highway 610 Completion project is timely and critical to Minnesota's economic outlook. We appreciate your support of this major project.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director of Finance & Administration

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June 2019

Ken Ashfeld, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer
City of Maple Grove
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway
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Subject: Medical Alley Association Support for Highway 610 Extension Project

Mr. Ashfeld,

In Minnesota and across the country, investments in transportation are putting locals back to work and getting the economy moving. In support of these efforts, I am writing to advocate for the Highway 610 Project in Maple Grove. The city of Maple Grove and their business partners have a proven track record of providing transportation infrastructure that efficiently moves people and their products to and from markets.

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation as the program sponsor, the City of Maple Grove, along with Hennepin County, are seeking funding for the final phase and completion of the Highway 610 corridor project. Benefits of the project include:

- Completion of the unfinished “system interchange” at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requiring the use of local roadways to travel between major freeways.
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes.
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.
- Improved access opportunities for adjacent land development.

This project will address safety, access, and capacity issues while providing the last piece of infrastructure in the overall Highway 610 project that was originally planned for in 1986.

The health innovation and care industry has a strong presence in this region. The enterprises that have grown there range from stalwarts in health technology and biopharmaceuticals, to emerging biotechnology and digital health companies. These firms rely on high quality transportation networks to not only move their products and supplies, but to get their employees to and from work, their children to school, and their families to various recreational activities.

For these reasons, the Medical Alley Association is in strong support of funding to complete the Highway 610 project.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Shaye Mandel
President & CEO
Medical Alley Association



June 30, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the I-94 Corridor Coalition and the numerous communities, businesses, and residents we represent, I would like to express our support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

We support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE 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 763-416-7931.

Sincerely,

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Steve Bot
Chairman
I-94 West Corridor Coalition



Ken Ashfeld, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer
City of Maple Grove
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway
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Subject: Letter of Support for Highway 610 Extension Project

Mr. Ashfeld,

In Minnesota the investments in transportation are putting Minnesotans back to work and getting the national economy moving again. I write you to share my support for the Highway 610 Project in Maple Grove.

In partnership with Minnesota Department of Transportation as the program sponsor, the City of Maple Grove along with Hennepin County are seeking funding for final phase/completion of the Highway 610 corridor project. Benefits of the project include:

- Completes unfinished "system interchange" at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways.
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610.
- Improved access opportunities for adjacent land development

The project will address safety, access and capacity issues while providing the last piece of infrastructure in the overall Highway 610 project that was originally planned for in 1986.

The project will help move commuters to and from their place of business, recreation traffic destined to north/northwest Minnesota, and freight traffic along the critical I-94 corridor that carries 130,000 vehicles each day!

The City of Maple Grove and their business partners have a proven track record of providing transportation infrastructure to move people and their products efficiently to and from markets. This unique opportunity to secure funding for the Highway 610 project is timely and critical to Minnesota's economic outlook.

We appreciate your support of this major project.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Full, President/CEO

TwinWest Chamber of Commerce



June 30, 2021

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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of the I-94 West Chamber of Commerce in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE 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 763-428-291.

Sincerely,

Greg Anzelc
President
I-94 West Chamber of Commerce



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

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

In Minnesota, the investments in transportation are supporting economic activity by connecting businesses, jobs, and resources. I am writing this letter to express our support for the City of Maple Grove's request for the 2021 DOT RAISE Grant Program to fund the Highway 610 connection across I-94 to County Road 30 in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The company I work for, Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC, is a mid-size pharmaceutical company. We've maintained our headquarters campus in Maple Grove home for almost 20 years, and a significant number of our employees live in the city as well.

Since the inception of this corridor, over \$250 million has been invested on the TH 610 corridor from I-35W on the east end to I-94 on the west. This key transportation corridor is almost complete with the exception of one of the connections to I-94 and the westerly connection for Hennepin County Road 30. Benefits of the project include:

- Improved access opportunities for approximately 600 acres of adjacent development
- Completes the unfinished "system interchange" at Interstate 94 and Trunk Highway 610; no longer requires use of local roadways to travel between major freeways
- Improved traffic capacity along I-94 due to additional auxiliary lanes
- Upgrade and realignment of Hennepin County Road 30 to provide reliable and direct access to both I-94 and TH 610

The improvements support access to employment and regional economic development by connecting a large urbanizing area of Hennepin County and areas along the I-94 corridor to job centers, transit opportunities, health care as well as supporting the movement of freight. The project also addresses safety, access and capacity issues while providing the last piece of infrastructure in the overall Highway 610 project that was originally planned for in 1986.

The City of Maple Grove and their business partners have a proven track record of providing transportation infrastructure to move people and their products efficiently to and from markets. We can personally attest to this, as we are in the middle of a major headquarters expansion project, adding 300,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space to our existing Maple Grove footprint by 2022. We would not have moved forward so confidently with this project if we didn't already have trust in the capabilities of the local government. This unique opportunity to secure funding for the Highway 610 Completion project is timely and critical to Minnesota's economic outlook. We appreciate your support of this major project.

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Sincerely,

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SVP Operations, Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC



June 30, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Grant Program: Highway 610 Completion
(Maple Grove, MN)**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Maple Grove's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete long-planned connections of Minnesota Highway 610 (TH 610) to Interstate 94 (I-94) and Hennepin County Road 30.

This project addresses critical safety concerns, increases regional accessibility to good paying jobs and healthcare, and will help to alleviate congestion while enhancing mobility for all users walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, and driving in Maple Grove and the surrounding area.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve a number of suburban, exurban, and rural communities in, or adjacent to, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area. Over 600 acres of mixed-use development is planned near the project and will include housing of various densities, employment centers (including newly constructed or planned medical facilities and industrial development), and retail/commercial destinations. Moreover, the project will fill a gap in the regional trail system across I-94 and improve multimodal accessibility. To accommodate Maple Grove's planned growth, infrastructure improvements are critically needed so residents and visitors of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities may access jobs, healthcare, and housing.

I support the City of Maple Grove's application for the funding of the Highway 610 Completion Project. Please give this 2021 RAISE 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 612-554-7600, jim.berge@kingsolutionsglobal.com.

Sincerely,

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