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

Ron Chamberlain, Highway Commissioner
La Crosse County Highway Department
301 Carlson Road
West Salem, WI 54669

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: La Crosse County French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg and Commissioner Chamberlain:

On behalf of the City of La Crosse, I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's commitment to helping your organization and La Crosse County implement a 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant to improve freight, safety and mobility access on French Island, WI.

To support successful outcome of the proposed goals, objectives and outcomes detailed in the grant application, our organization will commit to contributing the following resources:

Contribution 1: Provide a representative to serve on the project team, attending meetings as requested to service in an advisory capacity, providing suggestions for refining, and strengthening and improving the project approach as appropriate and in guiding of project deployment.

Contribution 2: Promote the project and the RAISE program throughout the community, engaging those resources as appropriate.

Contribution 3: Provide technical design and support thru PS&E, bidding, and construction for all water mains and associated infrastructure to be owned and operated by the City of La Crosse upon project completion.



Contribution 4: Provide a 50% financial match for the construction of any water main and associated infrastructure to be owned and operated by the City of La Crosse upon project completion.

Contribution 5: Provide 100% financial cost for improvements/replacement costs of city owned and operated stormwater facilities in the project area.

Contribution 5: Assist with access needs and logistical support during construction to ensure project implementation is successful.

The 2021 RAISE grant will provide La Crosse County with the ability to reconstruct the existing roadway system with alternatives that include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, reconfigured intersections (roundabouts considered at Clinton Street and Fanta Reed Place) to improve safety, improve grading, and storm water facilities, and extend safe reliable municipal water to areas with private wells that are currently impacted by PFAS contamination. The project will replace deteriorating pavement conditions, provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improve safety and operations along the corridor and provide clean, safe drinking water. Construction of the La Crosse French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements will greatly benefit the City of La Crosse and surrounding area. I am writing to express my support and commitment to this project.

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 608 789-7500.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mitch Reynolds
City of La Crosse