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

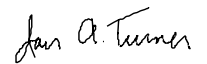
RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: La Crosse County French Island  
Freight and Mobility Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport, located on French Island in La Crosse County, Wisconsin, I write in strong support for the La Crosse County request for 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant funding to improve freight, safety, and mobility access on French Island, Wisconsin. 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 to improve safety, and improved grading and storm water facilities. The project will replace deteriorating pavement conditions, provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improve safety and operations along the corridor. Of most interest to the airport is the current three-way intersection of Dawson Avenue and Fanta Reed Place. Most airport passengers and all employees of airport businesses drive this intersection. Many, such as myself, have witnessed the current unsafe nature of the intersection.

Construction of the La Crosse French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements will greatly benefit the community and those passengers traveling through the La Crosse Regional Airport 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 608-79-7456 or [turneri@lseairport.com](mailto:turneri@lseairport.com).

Sincerely,



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