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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:

I am writing this letter to express our support for La Crosse County, WI request for 2021 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant to improve freight, safety and mobility access on French Island, WI.

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, 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.

Construction of the La Crosse French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements will greatly benefit transit operations in this corridor and SMRT is always looking to improve the public's ability to access universal transportation options to improve equity and accessibility to all members of the public. The operating committee of SMRT and myself as the administrator for SMRT 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) 785-5919

Sincerely,

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