April 13, 2022

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

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 6, 2022

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

Re: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program (RAISE). If awarded, funding would support the Highway 19/College Drive Reconstruction Project, which would address critical access, capacity, and safety concerns on State Highway 19 in southwest Minnesota.

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Funding from the RAISE Program would be used to reconstruct portions of State Highway 19 and connecting streets in the city of Marshall, including new intersections and sidewalks, enhancements to storm water infrastructure, safety improvements, and repaved streets. Completing this project would address critical access and safety concerns, increase capacity, update aging infrastructure, and boost local economic development. If approved, the Highway 19/College Drive Reconstruction Project would support the needs of rural Minnesotans by improving and modernizing the regional transportation network in southwest Minnesota.

Again, I support the Minnesota Department of Transportation's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's 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

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Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

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Respectfully,

Senator Gary Dahms District 16, Minnesota



Chris Swedzinski

State Representative

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Minnesota House of Representatives

April 7, 2022

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Washington, DC 20590

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March 30, 2022

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Sincerely,

Aaron Vanmoer, PE County Engineer

Lyon County, MN



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April 4, 2022

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

RE: Highway 19/College Drive Project Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Application

Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Marshall, we urge you to fund the RAISE application from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for the reconstruction Highway 19/College Drive. The cooperation between the MNDOT and the City for this project will replace badly deteriorated pavement and allow the City of Marshall to replace aging utilities at the same time, thereby enhancing this vital transportation route which incurs 8,500-9,500 daily traffic counts. In addition, sidewalk improvements will be made along the project area improving and ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Marshall is a regional center in southwest Minnesota, and is the hub for medical care, retail, trade, education, employment, and business. The diverse economic base and strong foundation in agriculture has provided stability to the local economy. Recent studies illustrate a common labor and retail draw of approximately sixty (60) miles. Marshall's current population of 13,680 doubles its daytime population to 25,000+ according to employment estimates. This in turn has made this application for funding through the RAISE grant vital to our community.

Highway 19/College Drive not only provides a link to our Downtown Business District, but also serves as the major route to the Avera Marshall Regional Center which provides medical and health services including a 25-bed hospital, a 76-bed long-term care facility, Avera Cancer Institute, emergency center, specialty physician clinics, imaging center and outpatient services center. Also, Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU), a four-year public university with total enrollment of over 7,000 students and whose campus adjoins Highway 19/College Drive, thus providing important transportation access.

People who work critical jobs, students, and a notable proportion of other commuters from the surrounding area, rely on transportation networks that function well to get them to Marshall

safely and on time. Please accept this letter as our support for the Highway 19/College Drive RAISE Grant Application and thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Byrnes

Mayor

City of Marshall



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April 1, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Marshall Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission are writing in support of MnDOT's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the reconstruction of Highway 19/College Drive in Marshall, MN. This reconstruction project will provide several improvements for the Marshall community and the region. The existing infrastructure is in poor condition causing problems for the roadway users, freight haulers, and businesses along the corridor, including damage to vehicles and cargo because of the rough pavement, water and sewer back-ups due to underground utility failures, and accessibility issues for pedestrians due to badly deteriorating sidewalks and lack of accessible walkways. This project will address all these issues and result in a cohesive network of multimodal alternatives that support diverse and accessible community needs.

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Sincerely,

Co-Chair Joyce Tofte Co-Chair

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City of Marshall Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission



611 West Main Street Marshall, MN 56258

April 12, 2022

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James Marshall

Director of Public Safety

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City of Marshall, MN



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Sincerely,

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President

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April 28th 2022

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March 28, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

My name is David Schelkoph, and I am the General Manager of Marshall Municipal Utilities. I am writing in support of MnDOT's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the reconstruction of Highway 19/College Drive in Marshall, MN. This reconstruction project will provide many improvements for the Marshall community and the region. As a resident of Marshall MN, I have experienced and witnessed the poor condition of the existing infrastructure. Because of these poor conditions, roadway users, freight haulers, and businesses along the corridor are affected when traveling on this important transportation artery through our community. These conditions are so severe that, in some cases, vehicles and cargo are damaged.

One of my duties as General Manager for Marshall Municipal Utilities is to be responsible for potable water production and the distribution systems that deliver this water to the citizens of Marshall. The Highway 19/College Drive project will give my municipal utility an opportunity to replace 70 + year old water mains giving new water services and improved fire protection to many residences and business' here in Marshall. The new water mains will extend the life of the newly constructed roadway as this new infrastructure will all but eliminate any future water main breaks or leaks for many decades to come.

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Sincerely,

David Schelkoph

General Manager

Marshall Municipal Utilities

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

March 28th, 2022

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Captain Casey Meagher #2300

Singerely

MN State Patrol – Marshall District

MARSHALL SUNRISE ROTARY

200 South A Street Marshall, MN 56258

April 6, 2022



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

RE: Highway 19/College Drive Project Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Application

Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Marshall Sunrise Rotary, we urge you to fund the RAISE application from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for the reconstruction Highway 19/College Drive.

Marshall Sunrise Rotary is an active service club in the community and its fundraising efforts support projects that assist our community. Specifically, we have made investments in Marshall Park and Recreation facilities that are immediately adjacent to Highway 19/College Drive. This project will enhance and further support our projects by providing better access, improvement of a currently poor street surface and make a long-term investment in our community.

The City of Marshall has diligently been working on the community's infrastructure in recent years and the RAISE Transportation Grant, paired with the city's previous and current endeavors, will provide the crucial next step forward for the community and the region.

Please accept this letter as our support for the Highway 19/College Drive RAISE Grant Application and thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hanson

President

Marshall Sunrise Rotary



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March 30, 2022

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Best,

Transportation Director of United Community Action Partnership



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> Southwest/West Centrals Service Cooperative 1420 East College Drive Marshall, MN 56258

March 28, 2022

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Sincerely,

Cliff Carmody, Executive Director

Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative



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Sincerely,

Kumara Jayasuriya

President



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Sincerely,

Jeremy Williams Superintendent Marshall Public Schools



Connecting to Jesus, Family, and Others

March 29, 2022

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Sincerely,

Pastor Doug Wing

Senior Pastor at Grace Life Church



300 South Bruce Street Marshall, MN 56258

(507) 532-9661

April 4, 2022

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

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Sincerely,

Debbie Streier

Regional President and CEO

Avera Marshall Region

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April 5, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Sincerely,

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Southwestern Center for Independent Living

Southwest Coaches Inc 1500 Travis Road Marshall, Mn 56258

March 28, 2022

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James A Hey Southwest Coaches Inc