

RESOLUTION NO. 141-22

Resolution to Submit Application for Transportation Grants

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, with the exception of Section 16; and the recognized governing body of the Tribe is known as the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, Section 1[a], is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments and others on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, Section 1[c], is empowered to promote and protect the health, education and general welfare of the members of the Tribe, and to administer charity and such other services as may contribute to the social and economic advancement of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe acknowledges the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, under The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOLT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$9.9 billion for thirteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe recognizes the need to construct asphalt overlay, seal coat, striping and incidentals on 4.587 miles of BIA 3 (known as BIA Project No. 1811-02290); 6.759 miles of BIA 6 (known as BIA Project No. 1811-02289); and reconstruct the Asphalt Pavement along with Grading, Striping & Incidentals on 7.441 miles of BIA 6 (known as KLJ Project No. 1811-02480).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council by this resolution hereby approves and supports the submission of funding applications to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the construction of portions of BIA 6 and BIA 3 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program that are to be submitted by the SRST Department of Transportation Planning and Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe agrees to serve as the applicant for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability Grants which will include the responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, ensuring future maintenance and public access; and


BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council are hereby authorized and instructed to sign this resolution for and on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

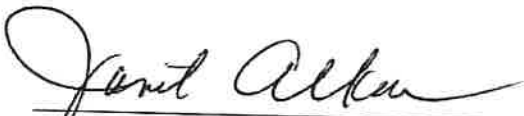
CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 17 members, of whom 11 constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held on the 6th day of APRIL, 2022, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 10 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting. **THE CHAIRMAN'S VOTE IS NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT IN CASE OF A TIE.**

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

ATTEST:


Susan Agard, Secretary
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe


Janet Alkire, Chairwoman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

[OFFICIAL TRIBAL SEAL]

February 28, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

SUBJECT: Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 6 Reconstruction & Preservation (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota/South Dakota) 2023 RAISE Grant Program Application

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is pleased to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The RAISE funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned reconstruction and preservation (resurfacing) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Route (BIA) 6. The project helps to strengthen a Justice40 designated community and improve resiliency of the Tribe.

The project aligns with USDOT's strategic goals as it improves safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, improves mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation through both local and regional impacts. This project reconstructs and preserves BIA 6 to address poor pavement conditions, correct vertical curve deficiencies, improve ditch-slope, modernize signage and striping, and bring BIA 6 into a state of good repair. The project sustains access to existing transit opportunities between rural communities within the Reservation, providing critical mobility and connectivity to essential tribal resources such as emergency services, healthcare, education, higher education, and historically & culturally significant resources.

BIA 6 is a significant interregional corridor connecting several tribal and non-tribal rural communities within the Standing Rock Reservation by connecting residents and visitors to essential healthcare and educational facilities, retail/commercial destinations, and historically & culturally significant areas in Fort Yates. In line with the Tribe's economic development strategy, maintaining BIA 6 will strengthen the rural community, improve resiliency, and sustain growth on the Reservation for the next generation.

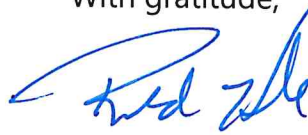
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I support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's application for the funding of the BIA 6 Reconstruction and Preservation Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

With gratitude,



Ronald J. Henke, PE
Director

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 23, 2023

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

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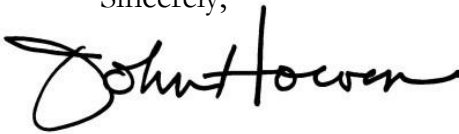
We are writing to express our support for the application submitted by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Under this proposal, the Tribe will reconstruct Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Highway 6 to bring the roadway into a state of good repair. This includes addressing poor pavement conditions, correcting vertical curve deficiencies, improving ditch-slope, and modernizing signage and striping. Doing so will sustain access to existing transit opportunities between rural communities within the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, providing critical mobility and connectivity to essential Tribal resources such as emergency services, health care, education, and historically and culturally significant resources.

BIA Highway 6 is a significant interregional corridor that connects several Tribal and non-Tribal rural communities within the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. In line with the Tribe's economic development strategy, repairing this roadway will strengthen these rural communities, improve safety and resiliency, and sustain growth for the next generation.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and that all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
US Senator



Kevin Cramer
US Senator



Kelly Armstrong
Member of Congress

February 21, 2023

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program: Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 6
Reconstruction & Preservation (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota/South Dakota)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The RAISE funding would facilitate completion of the long-planned reconstruction and preservation (resurfacing) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Route (BIA) 6. The Project helps to strengthen a Justice40 designated community and improve resiliency of the Tribe.

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I support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's application for the funding of the BIA 6 Reconstruction and Preservation Project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 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 Sioux County Roads Dept. 9502 26 ½ Ave. Selfridge, ND 58568 701-422-3316 smsnider@nd.gov

Sincerely,
Steve Snider
Road Supervisor
Sioux County, ND