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July 9, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity application for the project located on US Highway 212 between County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 34 in Norwood Young America, to CSAH 36 in Cologne, located in Carver County. This is a locally led project by Carver County on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Trunk Highway System. The goals of the project are to improve freight mobility and travelers' safety in the corridor. The project will expand a portion of US Highway 212 from a rural, two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway, and construct reduced conflict intersections (RCIs) and a grade-separated interchange. This project will address the only remaining two-lane gap on US Highway 212 between Glencoe and the Twin Cities.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$59 million. Carver County has \$7 million in county funds and has been awarded \$3.5 million from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation for project safety improvements and \$25 million from the Minnesota State Legislature. It is MnDOT's assumption that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction starting in 2024.

MnDOT is committed to partnering with Carver County as they develop this project and explore other funding opportunities for improving this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margaret Anderson Kelliher'.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

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