

Pete Buttigieg  
United States Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Sun Prairie's Highway 151 Multimodal Crossing Study for Central Sun Prairie. The Federal funding from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program will enable the City to take a comprehensive, holistic approach to addressing the significant barrier that Highway 151 presents to residents and businesses in Central Sun Prairie. This project is necessary and critical to the long-term safety, public health, and community development of Central Sun Prairie.

Highway 151 cuts through the core of our community, dividing the city into north and south and limiting safe, accessible travel for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed study will explore the feasibility of a bicycle and pedestrian overpass, providing a critical solution to the issues of safety, mobility, and access. This project is necessary not only to improve connectivity but also to ensure the long-term safety, public health, and overall community development of Central Sun Prairie.

As one of Wisconsin's fastest-growing cities, Sun Prairie is home to a dynamic and diverse population, with both residents and businesses deeply impacted by the physical and psychological divide that Highway 151 creates. The overpass would restore connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial centers, fostering economic growth and creating opportunities for local businesses to thrive. Improved multimodal access will also encourage healthier, more sustainable transportation choices, reducing traffic congestion and promoting active lifestyles.

We believe this project is crucial to the future development of our city and its ability to serve its residents equitably. Federal funding for this study will allow Sun Prairie to assess how best to reconnect our community and make informed, effective decisions to address this long-standing barrier.

I respectfully urge the Department of Transportation to support the City of Sun Prairie's Highway 151 Multimodal Crossing Study. The Chamber and the broader community are united in our commitment to improving infrastructure and creating a safer, more connected Sun Prairie.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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