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Central Cass School District

February 3, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please consider this letter an expression of our full support of Cass County's submission of the Cass County Highway 4 and 10 Reconstruction Project for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants program. Cass County recognizes that this stretch of County Highway 4 between County Highways 11 and North Dakota Highway 18, along with County Highway 10 between County Highway 5 and the City of Tower City/Barnes County line incurs a substantial traffic load. These roads cannot continue operating as such without grading and surfacing improvements to ensure continued mobility and safety.

The Cass County Highway 4 and 10 Reconstruction calls for a total reconstruction of the area, including grading, culvert replacement, flood damage prevention improvements, and paving. The project would also widen and pave the shoulder beyond the current shallow gravel line, would lower the slope to NDDOT acceptable standard, enhance safety, and improve bicycle/pedestrian use.

This project will substantially improve local, regional, and national multimodal transportation, and exhibits all the factors of local and national significance. This project reflects needs documented in both local, regional, and statewide plans to support improved safety and mobility. The reconstruction included in this project will improve connectivity on the National Highway System and allow high volumes of automobile traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit vehicles to safely move through the junction of these highways. It will also enhance truck access to major agricultural commodity processing or storage sites locate in central Cass County.

For these reasons, a RAISE grant will help Cass County and the state of North Dakota. Thank you for your consideration and approval of this application.

Sincerely,

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