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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter of support is written on behalf of Cass County, North Dakota's submission of Cass County Highways 4 and 10 Reconstruction Project for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants program.

As our region has grown in population during recent years, the two highways have incurred a significant increase in traffic load. These roads cannot continue to operate without grading and surfacing improvements to ensure continued mobility and safety, not only because of more truck traffic, but because of the larger trucks used by local farms and businesses today.

The Cass County Highways 4 and 10 Reconstruction Project calls for a total reconstruction of the area, including grading, culvert replacement, and paving, along with necessary flood damage prevention improvements to complement the Red River Diversion flood control project now underway. The project would also widen and pave the shoulder beyond the current shallow gravel line and lower the slope to ND Department of Transportation standards for enhanced safety and to improve bicycle and pedestrian use.

This project will substantially improve local, regional, and national multi-modal transportation, and it exhibits all of the factors of local and national significance. This project reflects needs which have been documented in 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 and storage sites located in central Cass County.

I enthusiastically support this application for a RAISE grant which will improve Cass County and the state of North Dakota for the benefit of our citizens. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Senator Judy Lee