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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

RE: Cass County, North Dakota
FY 2023 RAISE Transportation Grant application

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District supports the submission from Cass County for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants program for the following reconstruction projects:

- Cass County Highway 4 between Cass County Highway 11 and North Dakota Highway 18; and
- Cass County Highway 10 between Cass County Highway 5 and the Barnes County line.

These roadways carry a substantial traffic load and will require grading and surfacing improvements to ensure continued mobility and safety. Both reconstruction projects include grading, culvert replacement, flood damage prevention improvements, and paving. The projects would also widen and pave the shoulder beyond the current shallow gravel line, lower the slope to the NDDOT acceptable standard, enhance safety, and improve bicycle/pedestrian use.

The projects will substantially improve local, regional, and national multimodal transportation, exhibiting all the factors of local and national significance. The projects also reflect needs documented in both local, regional, and statewide plans to support improved safety and mobility. Reconstruction of the projects 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. Truck access will be enhanced to major agricultural commodity processing or storage sites located in central Cass County.

A RAISE grant will benefit Cass County and North Dakota. Your consideration for approval of this application would be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Carol Harbeke Lewis
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