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

RE: Letter of Support for Excelsior Springs "Safe Streets and Sidewalks Plan"
RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for RAISE Discretionary Grants, the Mid-America Regional Council wishes to convey support for the application submitted by the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

The "Safe Streets and Sidewalks Plan" will improve safety and connectivity in Excelsior Springs through improvements to current roadways, the addition of sidewalks and trails, a pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 69 and street trees for an enhanced pedestrian experience.

This project is fully consistent with *Connected KC 2050*, the region's metropolitan transportation plan and, as such, demonstrates the support of the entire Kansas City region for this important investment. In our capacity as the council of governments and metropolitan planning organization for Greater Kansas City, MARC will promptly include any funds awarded to this project in the region's *Transportation Improvement Program*.

The Mid-America Regional Council supports funding this RAISE grant application; and we look forward to working with you to make this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

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Ron Achelpohl, PE
Director, Transportation & Environment

Copy: Molly McGovern – City of Excelsior Springs

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