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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:


I am writing in support of the City of Excelsior Spring's application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. I believe the Safe Streets and Sidewalks project in Excelsior Springs, Missouri to be an excellent candidate to receive this grant.

This project will improve the safety and connectivity in Excelsior Springs through improvements to current roadways, the addition of sidewalks and trails, and a pedestrian bridge over US-69. The project transforms several main corridors, including US-69, and MO-10 into safely designed complete streets to boost economic competitiveness for a small-town community. Grant funds will be used to construct roadway and intersection improvements, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, manage stormwater runoff, and enhance the streetscape. Their project will create jobs, safer corridors, adopt transformative technology, address climate change through reduced vehicle trips and increase equity by eliminating barriers to community destinations.

I believe that the City of Excelsior Springs is well suited for this project. I request your full and fair consideration for this application. In addition, I would ask that you keep my office informed of the progress of the proposal and notify me when a decision regarding the recipients is made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wyatt Mullendore at my Kansas City District office at (816) 792-3976 or by e-mail at Wyatt.mullendore@mail.house.gov

Sincerely,


Sam Graves
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