

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our support for the application submitted by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) on behalf of the Tribal Safety Project to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. Thank you for your consideration.

The NDDOT's Tribal Safety Project addresses safety concerns of both the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation by improving safety for pedestrians and vehicles traveling in busy areas near schools, workplaces, and homes. The proposed safety improvements include the installation of roundabouts, turning lanes, lighting, and rumble strips at critical locations identified in a 2017 Roadway Safety Review. This construction project provides direct benefits to two underserved areas and addresses disparities in rural transportation infrastructure, consistent with the objectives of the RAISE program and the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative, respectively.

North Dakota's economy has grown significantly over the past decade, which has placed additional strain on our state's infrastructure, including the State Highway System. While the state has made tremendous efforts to meet these ever-increasing needs, additional federal funding is needed to help ensure the safe and efficient transportation of goods and people.

Accordingly, we hope that NDDOT's Tribal Safety Project receives your favorable consideration, and that all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer
U.S. Senator



Kelly Armstrong
U.S. Congressman