

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
Ninth Floor, West Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-9898

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our support for the application submitted by the City of West Fargo, North Dakota, to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Thank you for your consideration.

The City of West Fargo's grant application would fund its proposed 9th Street NE Grade Separation Project. This effort would enhance roadway safety for the traveling public at the grade crossing of 9th Street NE and a BNSF Railway line within West Fargo. Doing so will improve the infrastructure and operations of a critical intermodal rail line, while aligning with the city's master plan to provide safe and reliable transportation routes in an area of projected growth.


If funded, the City will construct a rail grade separation to alleviate what is considered to be one of the most dangerous crossings in the State of North Dakota. This grade separation is critical for enhancing the safety of the public encountering freight rail moving across the current at-grade crossing. Additionally, this separation will reduce traffic congestion, including idling vehicles, at the current at-grade crossing.

Accordingly, we hope this application 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 our offices with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
US Senator



Kevin Cramer
US Senator



Kelly Armstrong
Member of Congress