

May 1, 2024

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 North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application to improve safety with the North Dakota Freight Reliability and Preservation on US 52 Project. Thank you for your consideration.

US 52 is a primary north-south roadway in central North Dakota. It serves as a vital energy and agricultural corridor and supports significant freight traffic across the state. Large vehicles servicing producers use this highway daily to transport critical goods and equipment. Much of the existing two-lane highway does not meet the traveling public's needs. These circumstances lead to unavoidable delays and traffic rerouting over great distances, wasting time, fuel, and money. If this application is funded, NDDOT will expand the route with railroad bypass lanes to improve safety and people and goods more efficiently.

The energy and agriculture sectors in North Dakota provide critical resources to the United States. Enhancing this essential roadway support domestic food and energy security, which is especially important in these globally unstable times.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. 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