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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the City of Bothell's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)* grant program for \$25,000,000 to complete the Bothell Way NE/Bothell-Everett Highway Multi-Modal Improvement project. This project will modernize a critically important regional corridor to increase capacity, expand transit and non-motorized transportation options, improve safety, and mitigate the roadway's current impact on the environment, in addition to better connecting an underserved part of the region to employment, social and academic opportunities.

It's my understanding this project has strong community support from public safety agencies, Community Transit, the Regional Chamber of Commerce, local school districts, and other community organizations, and has already secured funding of \$3,000,000 in local funds and \$7,000,000 in state funds.

Bothell Way is a north-south regional thoroughfare located in Snohomish and King Counties in Washington state. It connects State Route 522 to Interstate 405 and runs through the City of Bothell's downtown. There are 17,800 average daily trips along this route currently, and 36,400 are anticipated by 2040. The corridor is already congested, lacks sidewalks, and is unsafe for bicyclists. These undesirable conditions undermine the ability of public safety agencies to respond to emergencies, and has additionally created limitations to deploy Bus Rapid Transit services.

The project will deliver vital safety benefits for all users by expanding transit, increasing roadway capacity, creating protected bike lanes, and installing sidewalks. These investments will dramatically improve safety for children and families traveling to nearby schools, government services, and parks. It also addresses vital environmental water quality issues and constructs new fish passage culverts to help support critical salmon habitat restoration and salmon recovery.

Lastly, this project is vital toward building a stronger community that promotes equity and is more inclusive of traditionally underserved and disadvantaged populations. The new transportation options and safer conditions for walking and biking will bring immediate and direct benefits to low-income neighborhoods, senior homes, and other underserved populations along the corridor. The project ensures all residents are able to share in and access the benefits of this important public investment.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, of this grant application.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress
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