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March 25, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of an application submitted by the City of Lynnwood for the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants Program* for the Poplar Way Bridge project.

The City of Lynnwood is seeking a RAISE grant to build a new six-lane bridge over Interstate 5 (I-5) between the intersections of 196th Street SW/Poplar Way and 33rd Avenue W/Alderwood Mall Boulevard that would support multimodal transportation with the inclusion of bike lanes and sidewalks. Currently, accessing the Lynnwood City Center and Alderwood Mall from I-5 requires the use of several different congested surface streets. This project would establish a direct connection from northbound I-5 and a fourth I-5 crossing in the heart of the city, reducing congestion and providing an alternative route for emergency vehicles. It would also expand capacity for existing transit routes and improve access to the Lynnwood Transit Center Park and Ride, which connects to the Lynnwood Link light rail that is scheduled to open in 2024.

The Poplar Way Bridge project would increase access for residents and businesses within the City of Lynnwood and support future economic growth in Snohomish County while, simultaneously, reducing congestion on I-5.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Lynnwood's application. Please contact Bree Rabourn in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator