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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary 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 Bothell Washington for the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program* for the Bothell Way Multimodal Improvement Project.

The City of Bothell is seeking RAISE funding to provide vital improvements to its regional transportation system and to address key operational and safety deficiencies. This project would reconstruct and widen roadways, provide infrastructure for bus rapid transit lines, and remove conflicts between motorists and non-motorists by constructing protected bike lanes. It would add adaptive traffic signals to enhance safety and improve traffic flow. Additionally, the project would increase access by constructing sidewalks on busy roadways and provide a safe route that connects residential areas to retail stores and services. Furthermore, the project aims to decrease its environmental impacts by connecting key habitats in the surrounding area.

If funded, this project would connect previously disconnected areas throughout the transit system and provide greater access to the City of Bothell's rapidly growing community. The project would further improve the economic access of the region while aligning with the sustainable goals of the funding opportunity.

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

Sincerely,

Patty Murray

United States Senator