



June 4, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to convey my support of an application being submitted by the City of Manchester, NH for a FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the Millyard area of Manchester.

Manchester is experiencing healthy growth and development throughout the Millyard. New companies are moving to the area, bringing competitive high-skill jobs to Manchester. Careful planning and collaboration between city and business leaders have successfully redeveloped the once abandoned mills and preserved their historic character. This has led to a great American success story of revitalization and urban renewal.

But the 19th century mills were not designed around automobiles, and we've exceeded the capacity for this mode of transportation and need to look for better solutions. Investing in infrastructure to connect the Millyard, and make it more accessible to pedestrians and new modes of transportation, will attract the companies and talent that have fueled the redevelopment of our city.

The RAISE grant will provide a transformative opportunity for investment in intermodal connectivity for the movement of people and goods at the center of Manchester, with positive effects rippling throughout the city and Central New Hampshire region.

We believe the Manchester project provides an innovative approach to invest in an intermodal project that will reweave the lost street and pedestrian connections to connect our city and maintain our growth. Specifically, the project will help:

- Increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services and mitigate existing extreme congestion by creating new connections to the existing street network and highway system at multiple points to/from the Millyard,
- Provide increased transportation choices and safety by improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, accessibility, comfort and safety,
- Creating a completely new multi-modal transportation corridor by repurposing the disused Boston & Maine rail bed

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- Create the opportunity for the location and establishment of the Multi-Modal Transportation Hub in a central location to serve travelers using multiple types of transportation to major attractions and land uses such as the new baseball stadium, educational institutions, resident commuters and future railroad connections.
- Create development opportunities for infill development of multi-use buildings including offices, manufacturing, housing and dynamic regional attractions
- Improve a major gateway intersection at Queen City Avenue/Cilley Road/South Willow Street

Accordingly, I strongly support the application of the City of Manchester, NH for a FY 2021 RAISE grant. I request that you give all due attention to the application for this innovative project and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works