



CITY OF MANCHESTER

Board of Aldermen

June 22, 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 South Millyard area of Manchester.

This area of the city was a hub of activity in the past when the railroad was thriving and mills and warehouses were in full operation. Now renovation and repurposing has revived the potential to provide new vitality and opportunity for the residents of Manchester. With this new interest in unused land, use of green space and restoration comes a need for connectivity by many different means.

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. Over the past ten years the South Millyard has begun evolving into a vibrant area of mixed uses and economic growth. However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.

We believe the Manchester RAISE project provides an innovative approach to invest in intermodal project that will reweave the lost connections so that this central part of our community can thrive. The project will increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services and mitigate existing extreme congestion, provide increased transportation choices and safety, create a completely new multi-modal transportation corridor and the opportunity for a Multi-Modal Transportation Hub, create opportunities for infill development of multi-use buildings and improve a major gateway intersection.

I support Manchester's application for a FY 2021 RAISE grant and ask that you give due consideration.

Sincerely,
Barbara Shaw
Alderman Barbara Shaw
Manchester NH Ward 9

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works