



CITY OF MANCHESTER
Board of Aldermen

June 1, 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.

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 However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.

It is my belief that the RAISE project provides an innovative approach to invest in an intermodal project that will reweave the lost connections so that this central part of our community can thrive. This project will increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services; 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 enthusiastically support Manchester's application for a FY 2021 RAISE grant and ask that you give it due consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. O'Neil, Chairman
Manchester Board of Aldermen

pc: City of Manchester Department of Public Works