



## CITY OF MANCHESTER

*Joyce Craig*  
*Mayor*

July 2, 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.

A century ago, Manchester was home to the largest textile manufacturer in the world. Nearly half of the community worked in our Millyard, making everything from gingham dresses to the first pair of Levi's jeans.

Since then, Manchester has transitioned from an era of the textiles to one of technology and higher education. We have continually found new opportunities to push us to do better for ourselves and future generations.

Over the years, the City of Manchester has made significant investments in our community that have provided large economic booms for our City. The Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the SNHU Arena and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Stadium have all shaped our community, providing people across New Hampshire with jobs, entertainments and economic opportunities.

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 However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Craig  
Mayor, City of Manchester

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works