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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.

Development of the South Millyard is essential to the continued growth of Manchester, which provides public safety benefits to the community. Ensuring the infrastructure around this growth is just as important for long-term success. Currently, the growth of business, hospitality, and residential areas of this part of the City has improved the area, but led to increases of traffic, which is detrimental to public safety access and long-term attractiveness of further development. The improvements proposed by this application will alleviate these concerns and provide significant opportunity for the community.

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 However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.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

Chief Allen D. Aldenberg
Manchester, NH Police Department

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works

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