



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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

Re: Manchester, New Hampshire FY2021 RAISE Grant application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to convey my support for 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, with positive effects rippling throughout the city and Central New Hampshire region. Over the past ten years the South Millyard has evolved from its historic use as an area of heavy industry with supporting rail corridors, to an area of vibrant mixed uses including educational institutions, multi-unit housing, restaurants, shopping, sports and entertainment, among other dynamic activities. However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.

The Manchester project provides an innovative intermodal approach that will reweave the lost street and pedestrian connections to connect a growing, but detached part of the community. Specifically, the project will help:

- Increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services and mitigate existing extreme congestion,
- Provide increased transportation choices and safety,
- Creating a completely new multi-modal transportation corridor,
- Create the opportunity for the location and establishment of the Multi-Modal Transportation Hub,
- Create development opportunities for infill development of multi-use buildings,
- Improve a major gateway intersection at Queen City Avenue/Cilley Road/South Willow Street

Accordingly, I am pleased to offer my support for the City of Manchester's application for a FY 2021 RAISE grant and hope you will give this innovative project positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan
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CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works