



## Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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

**Re: City of Manchester RAISE Program Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC), I am writing in strong support of the City of Manchester's application for RAISE Program funding. **Please accept this correspondence as our formal commitment to include this project, if funded, in the SNHPC's FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Additionally, the SNHPC will coordinate with Interagency Partners, including the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), to include the project in the FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The City of Manchester's proposed RAISE project is consistent with the SNHPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan as it will:

- Mitigate congestion on key National Highway System (NHS) corridors in the region, including Granite Street, Elm Street, and Queen City Avenue as necessary to improve the movement of people and freight;
- Enhance multimodal infrastructure by providing a safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian connection between Manchester's City Center and the South Willow Street commercial district to improve access to transportation options;
- Facilitate the future establishment of a Multimodal Transportation Hub in an efficient location to serve travelers using multiple modes of transportation and improve affordability, reliability, and accessibility for all community members;
- Provide opportunities for substantial multi-use infill development in Manchester's City Center; and
- Implement proven safety countermeasures at key NHS intersections, including the intersection of Queen City Avenue/South Willow Street/Cilley Road.

The RAISE project will provide a transformative opportunity for the City of Manchester, with positive effects throughout the State of New Hampshire and Northern New England. Please look favorably upon the City of Manchester's RAISE application and help bring this important project to fruition.

Sincerely,

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