



St. Mary's Bank

May 20, 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.

As part of the St. Mary's Bank mission, "*We dedicate resources to the communities we serve and provide opportunities for individuals and families, so that all may improve the quality of their lives.*" Since 1908 when St. Mary's Bank, America's first credit union, was organized, we have worked to make life for those who live and work in the Manchester Millyard and surrounding communities better. Every business decision is made in the best interest of our members, and making the community a better place to live is paramount. Remaining ever mindful of our rich history, we support the City of Manchester in its efforts to improve the local transportation network, which will provide our members with options to access work, lifestyle, and recreation choices that may have been previously unavailable to them.

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 However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.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

Ken Senus
EVP/Chief Operating Officer

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works