



# The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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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 express 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 a state Senator representing Manchester and a lifelong resident of the City, I know this project will positively impact our City and build on efforts to develop the South Millyard area into a vibrant destination for visitors and businesses alike.

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 However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.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 cursive script that reads "Donna M. Soucy". Below the signature is a small circular stamp containing the initials "DS".

Senator Donna M. Soucy  
Senate Democratic Leader  
New Hampshire Senate

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works