

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Republic, in cooperation with the Ozarks Transportation Organization, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Greene County, Missouri, is preparing an application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the purpose of funding the Highway MM Corridor of Opportunity Project.

The rapid economic growth in Republic, Missouri, has led to a significant increase in traffic along the State Highway MM Corridor. The proposed project will add capacity and enhance safety along Highway MM between I-44 and U.S. 60. Funding from this grant will be used to:

- Build a new road alignment with an overpass over the BNSF railroad;
- Close two at-grade railroad crossings;
- Turn a two-lane planned arterial into a five-lane facility; and
- Add an ADA sidewalk and bicycle trail connecting the Wilson Creek National Battlefield to the Republic Sports Complex.

With such sustained growth in motor and freight traffic, completion of this project is vital to both the continued development of the area as well as the safety of travelers. I commend the City of Republic for their efforts to improve infrastructure in the area, and I trust that you will give their application your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric Burlison
Member of Congress