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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It has been brought to my attention that the City of Republic, in cooperation with the Ozarks Transportation Organization and the Missouri Department of Transportation, has applied for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to fund the Highway MM Corridor of Opportunity Project.

The State Highway MM Corridor has experienced rapid and sustained economic development that has generated a significant increase in traffic, especially freight traffic along this corridor. The Highway MM Corridor of Opportunity Project will fix current and future capacity and safety issues on Highway MM between I-44 and U.S. 60. Funding from this grant will realign (new roadway) Highway MM, close three railroad at-grade crossings, add an ADA sidewalk and trail along the new alignment, as well as additional capacity and turn lanes to the corridor.

The efforts of the City of Republic and their partners to pursue infrastructure improvements for this area is to be commended. It is my hope that you will give this grant application your full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt  
United States Senator