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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the Windsor Heights Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Windsor Heights' 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Interchange improvement project. The proposed project will improve the conditions on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, including at the Interstate 235 (I-235) interchange, for all modes of travel. The roadway is in need of repaving and currently does not provide any bicycle or pedestrian accommodation in the area. These improvements would connect a number of multifamily residential complexes on the south side of I-235 to the retail, service, transit, and recreation establishments on the north side of the interstate. It would also remove a weaving lane at the I-235 westbound off ramp and the eastbound on ramp which would improve operations and increase safety.

The District will work with the City on the final design and permitting for this route. Provided that project development conditions are met and appropriate permits are obtained, the District 1 Office is supportive of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street project.

If you have questions from the District 1 Office, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your consideration of this Windsor Heights 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvement RAISE grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Allison Smyth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allison" and last name "Smyth" clearly distinguishable.

Allison Smyth, P.E.  
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January 25, 2024

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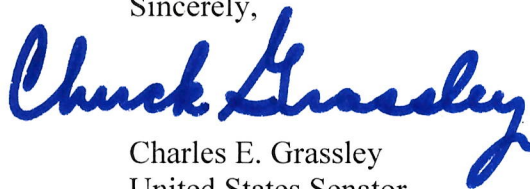
Adam Plagge  
City Administrator  
City of Windsor Heights  
1145 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1  
Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324

Dear Mr. Plagge:

I have contacted Secretary Buttigieg of the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding the Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Infrastructure Grant application submitted by the City of Windsor Heights for the 73rd Street Multimodal Project. I asked that this application be given all due consideration. Should I receive a response from the U.S. Department of Transportation, I will relay any helpful information to you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance to you. If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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5 February 2024

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am submitting this letter in support of the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application submitted by the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa for their 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project. This project will serve as a catalyst to ensure safer transportation for all modes of traffic to meet the needs of the Greater Des Moines Metro area. This segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street is situated within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way and shares a border with both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines.

This project includes a segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street that extends from University Avenue to the North to Center Street to the South. The project also includes an interchange with I-235, a creek crossing, and a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad. Additionally, it is adjacent to one of the busiest bus stops in the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) system. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Connector project will focus on improving constituent life in multiple ways, such as:

- Creating pedestrian facilities to increase public health and safety, as well as promote community wellness and equity.
- Providing safe and reliable pedestrian access over existing rail lines to jobs, education, health and human services, retail locations, and recreational opportunities.
- Enhancing safety by adding gate arms at the current rail crossing.
- Updating speed postings on existing roadway curves.
- Improving visibility of rail signals to ensure safety of motorists.
- Restoring pavement to a state of good repair for passenger safety and commercial transportation performance.

This project is valuable to the community, and I am eager to see the safer roadway this project will create for all users. I strongly urge the Department to support this RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive federal funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation grant opportunity.

Sincerely,



Zach Nunn  
United States Congressman

**From:** [Adam Plagge](#)  
**To:** [Threase Harms](#); [Madison Burke](#); [Justin Ernst](#)  
**Subject:** FW: From the Office of Senator Ernst (Intranet Quorum IMA00259092)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:33:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [IOFormatFile.txt](#)

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Thanks Threase!

Madison, see below Ernst office has sent comments directly for the RAISE Grant.

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**From:** Threase H <[threaseh@hotmail.com](mailto:threaseh@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 10:16 AM  
**To:** Adam Plagge <[aplagge@windsorheights.org](mailto:aplagge@windsorheights.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: From the Office of Senator Ernst (Intranet Quorum IMA00259092)

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FYI

~Threase

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Office of Senator Ernst(imailagent)" <[Ernst\\_casework@ernst.senate.gov](mailto:Ernst_casework@ernst.senate.gov)>  
**Date:** January 10, 2024 at 11:34:50 AM CST  
**To:** [threaseh@hotmail.com](mailto:threaseh@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** From the Office of Senator Ernst (Intranet Quorum IMA00259092)



Dear Ms. Harms,

Thank you for contacting me to request assistance with your grant application for Windsor Heights. I appreciate the detail you provided to demonstrate how these grant funds would be utilized.

In order to be most helpful, I have contacted the Department of Transportation directly and requested full consideration of your grant application. As your United States Senator, it is

an honor to ensure Iowans are considered for federal grants to better our communities and the services provided.

Thank you again for reaching out with your request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Covey in my Des Moines office at 733 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA or by phone at (515) 284-4574. Emily may also be reached by email at [Emily\\_Covey@ernst.senate.gov](mailto:Emily_Covey@ernst.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Joni K. Ernst  
United States Senator





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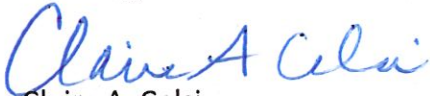
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- Lack of pedestrian access
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- There are no gate arms at the current rail crossing
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- Overhead rail signals are missing on the northbound side of the road, limiting the ability to be seen by all drivers and creating an unsafe crossing for motorists
- The pavement is in poor condition and needs extensive rehabilitation to bring it to a state of good repair.

I see the value of the project for the community that I represent, and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



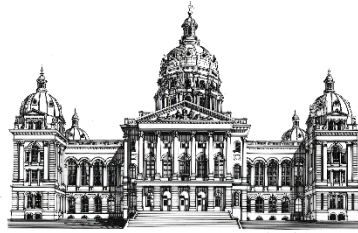
Claire A. Celsi

State Senator

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**Jennifer Konfrst**  
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*Ranking Member*

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

January 8, 2024

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to add my support to the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, RAISE discretionary grant application to support its 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project. This project will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic across the Des Moines metropolitan area while also serving the 5000+ residents of Windsor Heights. This project is exactly the kind the RAISE discretionary grant program was created to support – it will have significant regional impact while fulfilling the city's well-planned vision for better infrastructure.

I am submitting this letter to show my support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project. While the City of Windsor Heights is only 5,000+ in population, this project will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic that the greater Des Moines Metro needs. This segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street is all within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way however it shares a border with both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines.

The project includes a segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street that extends from University Avenue to the north to Center Street to the South. (This street shares a border with the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines, as well.) The scope of the project includes an interchange with Interstate 235 (which surrounds the Des Moines metro), a creek crossing, and a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad. Additionally, it is adjacent to one of the busiest bus stops in the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) system.

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Connector Project will alleviate the following concerns, resulting in safer and more accessible transportation:

- Lack of pedestrian facilities in the area.
- Barriers to employment, education, health and human services, retail, and recreational opportunities currently in place due to the rail line.
- Unsafe current rail crossing with no gate arms.
- Unsafe posted speed for existing roadway curves.
- Overhead rail signals are missing on the northbound side of the road, limiting the ability to be seen by all drivers and creating an unsafe crossing for motorists.



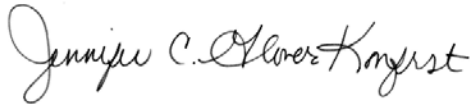
- The pavement is in poor condition and needs extensive rehabilitation to bring it to a state of good repair.

This project will provide extensive improvements to infrastructure and will result in increased access for residents to work, services, and amenities. This project will help all three communities in the legislative district I serve, and I look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

The City of Windsor Heights has designed this project with thorough study and strategic planning, and a RAISE grant would help the city make great strides toward its completion. I'm proud to support their efforts for funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, with sincere gratitude for the opportunity.

If I can provide additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at [Jennifer.konfrst@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.konfrst@legis.iowa.gov) or 515-281-3221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer C. Glover Konfrst". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Jennifer Konfrst  
Iowa House of Representatives  
District 32



December 28, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the City of Clive to show our support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project.

While this project is located in the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way, it will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic and also serve the City of Clive as it shares a border with the city. Clive Learning Academy is one of the many amenities that will directly be served from the completion of this project by providing safer travel for all users to access. This school serves over 500 Pre-Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and is located on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, just to the North of the project.

The project includes a segment of 73rd Street that extends from University Avenue South to Center Street. The project includes an interchange with I-235, a creek crossing, and a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad. Additionally, it is adjacent to one of the busiest bus stops in the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) system. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Connector project will focus on resolving the following issues:

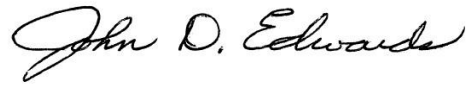
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As a neighboring community that will see direct impact from this project, we see the value for both communities and I am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users.

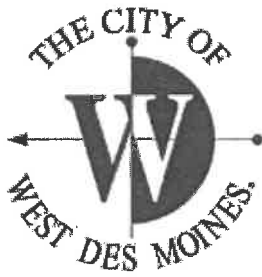
We are in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [jedwards@cityofclive.com](mailto:jedwards@cityofclive.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "E".

John D. Edwards  
Mayor of Clive, Iowa



January 22, 2024

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the City of West Des Moines to show our support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project.

While this project is located in the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way, it will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic and also serve the City of West Des Moines as it shares a border with the city. The city just completed the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction project that is immediately to the South portion of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street project. These projects compliment each other as they are looking to make overall roadway improvements along heavily trafficked roads.

The project includes a segment of 73rd Street that extends from University Avenue South to Center Street. The project includes an interchange with I-235, a creek crossing, and a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad. Additionally, it is adjacent to one of the busiest bus stops in the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) system. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Connector project will focus on resolving the following issues:

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As a neighboring community that will see direct impact from this project, we see the value for both communities and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users.

We are in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [Russ.Trimble@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:Russ.Trimble@wdm.iowa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Russ Trimble', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russ Trimble  
Mayor of West Des Moines, Iowa



February 23rd, 2024



The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am submitting this letter to show my support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project. While the City of Windsor Heights is only 5,000+ in population, this project will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic that the greater Des Moines Metro needs. This segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street is all within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way however it shares a border with both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines.

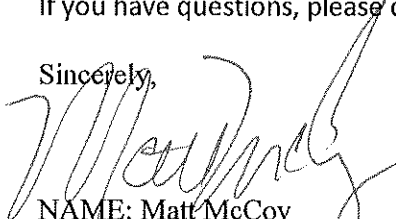
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- The pavement is in poor condition and needs extensive rehabilitation to bring it to a state of good repair.

I see the value of the project for Polk County and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [matt.mccoy@polkcountyiowa.gov](mailto:matt.mccoy@polkcountyiowa.gov), 515-286-3120.

Sincerely,



NAME: Matt McCoy

TITLE: Polk County Board of Supervisor



Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am submitting this letter to show the Clive Chamber of Commerce's support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Multimodal Project. While the City of Windsor Heights is only 5,000+ population, this project will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic that the greater Des Moines Metro (including Clive residents, business owners and workers) needs. This segment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street is all within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way however it shares a border with both the City of Clive and City of West Des Moines.

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- Poor pavement conditions that need extensive rehabilitation to bring to a state of good repair.

We see the value of the project for the community that our business members and residents use and we are eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. We are in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the City of Windsor Heights will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [kschmidt@clivechamber.org](mailto:kschmidt@clivechamber.org) or 515-222-5259.

Sincerely,  
Kristy Schmidt  
Executive Director, Clive Chamber of Commerce

January 8, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application submitted by the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa for the 73rd Street Multimodal Project.

As the President and CEO of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, I believe that this project is of utmost importance in promoting safer transportation options within the greater Des Moines Metro area.

Despite Windsor Heights' relatively modest population of just over 5,000 residents, the 73rd Street Multimodal Project holds the potential to serve as a vital catalyst for safer transportation across all modes of traffic within our metropolitan region. This particular segment of 73rd Street, entirely within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way, shares its borders with both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines.

The comprehensive project encompasses the stretch of 73rd Street extending from University Avenue in the north to Center Street in the south. It includes crucial elements such as an interchange with I-235, a creek crossing, and a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad. Furthermore, it is in close proximity to one of the busiest bus stops within the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) system. The primary focus of the 73rd Street Multimodal Connector project is to address several critical issues:

1. Inadequate pedestrian facilities.
2. The rail line serves as a significant obstacle for individuals seeking access to jobs, education, healthcare, retail establishments, and recreational opportunities.
3. The absence of gate arms at the current rail crossing.
4. Unsafe posted speed limits due to existing roadway curves.
5. Missing overhead rail signals on the northbound side, compromising visibility and creating hazards for motorists.

6. Deteriorating pavement in need of extensive rehabilitation to restore it to a state of good repair.

I firmly believe in the positive impact this project will have on our community, where our businesses are situated, and where I reside. The creation of a safer roadway for all users is a goal that aligns with our vision for a thriving and connected metropolitan area.

I wholeheartedly support the submission of the RAISE grant application and sincerely hope that the City of Windsor Heights will receive the necessary funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation initiative.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My best,



Katherine Harrington- President & CEO  
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February 12, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS 73<sup>RD</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

I am submitting this letter to express the Des Moines Area MPO's support for the FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application that the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa is submitting for the 73rd Street Multimodal Project. While the City of Windsor Heights is only 5,000+ in population, this project will serve as a catalyst to safer transportation for all modes of traffic that the greater Des Moines Metro needs. This segment of 73rd Street is all within the City of Windsor Heights right-of-way however it shares a border with both the City of Clive and the City of West Des Moines.

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The MPO sees the value of the project for the region and is eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. The MPO supports submitting the RAISE grant application and hopes the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dylan Mullenix, AICP  
Interim Executive Director





December 21, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: RAISE Grant – Windsor Heights, Iowa

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I see the value of the project for the community where Dowling Catholic is located and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users, especially our student body of young drivers. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [dryan@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:dryan@dowlingcatholic.org) or 515-225-3000.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dan Ryan  
President





# VALLEY SQUARE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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January 10, 2024

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

**Re: Support letter for City of Windsor Heights, IA, 73<sup>rd</sup> St. Reconstruction -  
2024 RAISE**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

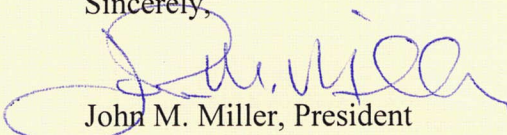
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I see the value of the project for the community that our business resides in/I live in and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Miller, President  
Valley Square Owners Association



December 11, 2023

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Washington, DC 20590

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If you have questions, please contact me at [kraney.s01764.us@wal-mart.com](mailto:kraney.s01764.us@wal-mart.com).

Sincerely,  
*Karla Raney*  
Store Manager Walmart #1764



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

February 16, 2024

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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I see the value of the project for the community in which Walnut Creek YMCA is located and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at [jen.damge@dmymca.org](mailto:jen.damge@dmymca.org).

Sincerely,

Jen Damge  
Executive Director, Walnut Creek YMCA

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January 5, 2024

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If you have questions, please contact me at 515-274-3411.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Sheriff", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Sheriff, President  
Colby Management Company



January 4, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Windsor Heights, IA RAISE Application

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to express DART's support for the City of Windsor Heights' application for RAISE grant funding for a multiuse path along 73rd Street in Windsor Heights, IA. This project would greatly improve access to local and regional transit along the corridor and connect many people to housing and jobs.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the largest public transit agency in Iowa. Our services connect thousands of people every day to jobs, school, medical appointments, and other essential services.

DART operates three bus routes in the vicinity of the project. Two are commuter-based routes that provide access to jobs (Routes 74 and 96) and one is a priority route that has DART's highest levels of service and ridership (Route 3). In fact, the bus stop at Walmart is the most heavily used bus stop in DART's service area (outside of downtown Des Moines), averaging 120 boardings a day. This is due to the concentration of businesses and services in the area but also to the frequency and span that DART commits to this priority route.

DART has worked with local and state partners to build a high-quality waiting area at this location with bus shelters, seating, lighting and landscaping. DART believes that improving the walking and biking conditions in the area with a multiuse path would greatly improve access to transit for nearby residents, as well improve access to nearby businesses and jobs for DART customers traveling here from other areas.

DART believes that an integrated and responsive transportation network is essential for the long-term growth of the Des Moines region. Therefore, DART supports the City of Windsor Heights' application for RAISE grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Wanke", is placed above the printed name.

Amanda Wanke  
Chief Executive Officer

**Des Moines  
Area Regional  
Transit Authority**

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A Helpful Smile In Every Aisle

December 11, 2023

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I see the value of the project for the community that Hy-Vee and am eager to see the safer roadway that this project will create for all users. I am in support of submitting the RAISE grant application and hope the city will receive funding assistance through this US Department of Transportation opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact me at Courtney Brobst OR Aaron Tacker, 515-279-4225.

Sincerely,



Courtney Brobst

District Store Director – Waukee/Windsor Heights Hy-Vee

Aaron Tacker



Store Manager – Windsor Heights Hy-Vee

Hy-Vee, Inc.

7101 University Avenue, Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324

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If you have questions, please contact me at [Nicole.Damien@kumandgo.com](mailto:Nicole.Damien@kumandgo.com) or call at 515-279-0568

Sincerely,

Nicole Damien

Store Director K&G 4098