

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive application submitted by the City of Columbus for funding in the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program.

I understand the City of Columbus seeks funding for their Williams Road Corridor Plan. This project involves multi-jurisdiction cooperation between Columbus, Obetz, Groveport, Hamilton Township, and Madison Township to improve the 6.5 mile corridor. In a prior study, the City of Columbus identified the need to improve the Williams Road corridor due to the projected population and employment growth within the area. The roadway currently consists of two lanes, unable to accommodate freight and passenger vehicle demand. The corridor also lacks a designated bicycle or pedestrian path, which has contributed to multiple traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Assistance from your agency would allow the City of Columbus to develop a cohesive, unified concept for the Williams Road Corridor to ensure safety for residents and to keep up with the region's project growth.

If there are any questions, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Kristy Ramey, at (614) 469-6774. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman  
United States Senator