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March 21, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am proud to support the City of Decatur and Macon County's application for funding under the FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation discretionary grant program for the Brush College Road and Faries Parkway Project.

The funding would be used for grade separation and construction of an interchange. This project was fully funded based on the engineer's estimate and went to bid this past January of 2022. Unfortunately, inflation and supply chain issues resulted in the project being bid \$16 million over the engineer's estimate bringing the total project cost to \$76 million. This transformative project is ready to go once the additional funds can be obtained.

This project is one of the two top priorities for the region's transportation system. It will relieve blocking and delays for residents at the site of the crossing which has an average blockage time that is more than any other Decatur rail crossing at 17.2 hours per week. This will improve schedule reliability for the Decatur Public Transportation System. Additionally, it will increase safety by eliminating a high crash frequency grade crossing and by improving emergency vehicle access to the surrounding area. It will also promote industrial development along the Brush College Road corridor bringing jobs to the community.

I strongly support the City of Decatur and Macon County's RAISE grant application for the Brush College Road and Faries Parkway Project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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