

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1304

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing regarding the City of Decatur and Macon County Illinois' 2022 RAISE grant application for \$16 million to construct a grade separation and interchange at Brush College Road and Faries Parkway in Decatur.

This request, coupled with \$4 million from the City of Decatur and Macon County, will provide a grade separation and overpass which will relieve blocking and delays of the crossing at Faries Parkway, improve scheduled reliability for Decatur Public Transportation System bus routes, and provide a safe non-motorized alternative. This project will also increase community access to jobs and education opportunities at Richland Community College, increase safety and access for emergency vehicles accessing industrial areas and businesses, promote industrial development along the Brush College Road corridor, and increase safety of the regional transportation system by eliminating a high crash grade crossing.

Please give full and fair consideration to the City of Decatur and Macon County's application. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Springfield office at (217) 492.4062.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator