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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Shoreline's application to the FY2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the West Side Transformation: Multimodal Connections to the Shoreline South Regional Transit Hub project.

The City of Shoreline is requesting \$25 million in RAISE funding to complete pedestrian and non-motorized connections to a new Sound Transit light rail station on the east side of Interstate-5, which is scheduled to begin service in 2024. The new transit hub will also accommodate bus and Bus Rapid Transit service beginning in 2026.

Planned project components include the construction of a non-motorized bridge over Interstate-5 at 148<sup>th</sup> Street, connecting communities on the west side of Interstate-5 to the Regional Transit Hub. The western landing of the bridge will connect to a planned off-corridor bike network, which will include a bike pathway parallel to 145<sup>th</sup> Street consisting of a collection of lower-volume, slower-paced streets. Finally, the City of Shoreline will make pedestrian improvements to the 145<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, including sidewalk enhancements that will provide complete ADA accessibility and a transit furniture zone.

The City of Shoreline anticipates nearly 4,000 units of housing at the 148<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area will be ready for occupancy in the next several years. At full build-out, the center has the capacity to build 20,000 housing units, of which nearly 20% are anticipated to be affordable.

RAISE grant funding will be used to improve roadway management to address collision rates, expand sidewalks for greater pedestrian safety, and direct bicyclists along the city's new Off-Corridor Bike Network, a collection of quieter, slower-paced streets. These projects will connect this new high-density residential community to rapid and reliable transit options from Shoreline to downtown Seattle, the University of Washington, and Sea-Tac Airport.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the City of Shoreline's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Cantwell".

Maria Cantwell  
United States Senator