



March 10, 2022

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

Re: Support for the Ada County Highway District Access to Opportunity Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Ada County Highway District Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Committee is pleased to write in support of Ada County Highway District's (ACHD) request for grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation R.A.I.S.E. program to further develop and design the Access to Opportunity Project. We applaud ACHD's efforts to advance the proposed project and recognize the positive impact it will have on a Historically Disadvantaged Community. The project will provide the community with connectivity and access to jobs, food, shopping, parks and recreation, education, health care, transit and overall access to opportunity that has not existed.

The ACHD ADA Advisory Committee is largely comprised of individuals who are blind or low vision, are deaf or hard of hearing, and who use mobility devices, such as wheelchairs. We advise ACHD leadership on policy, plans, and projects to ensure compliance with the ADA and that public infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, crossings, etc.) meets the needs of community members with disabilities across the lifespan.

We strongly support this project and are excited to participate in the planning process with ACHD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jeremy M. Maxand". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Jeremy M. Maxand
Committee Chair