



Anser Charter School

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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,

Anser Public Charter School 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.

Anser Public Charter School is located in a neighborhood whose economically disadvantaged children can find difficult to navigate via bicycle or as a pedestrian. While there are excellent organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, and a beautiful river-side biking path, the neighborhood lacks the safe connectivity to support children taking full advantage of these resources. The work proposed in ACHD's request for grant funding would increase safety and accessibility for many underserved children in our community.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Dennis, Organization Director, Anser Public Charter School