



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,

Future Public 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.

Future Public School currently serves over 400 students in grades K through 6. As a Title 1 school, we serve a diverse population of families, with over 50% of our children qualifying for free or reduced lunch, and approximately 20% of families have a home language other than English. Additionally, we provide special education services to over 15% of our students. Our mission and vision as school is to be a proof point as to the potential of all children.

Situated a short distance from both the Boise River Greenbelt and several major cross streets in Garden City, it is important that our students and their families have safe and improved routes to access their homes, local businesses, community schools (such as Future), and their workplaces. The ACHD proposed project plan would not only improve current transportation routes, but also provide additional access to more community members.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Amanda Cox
Executive Director and Principal
Future Public School