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April 12, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Access to Opportunity – Ada County, Idaho

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is pleased to submit this Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant application for the planning phase of our Access to Opportunity project. This planning grant will support efforts to plan and design to federal standards twelve (12) active transportation projects in Historically Disadvantaged Communities within the cities of Boise and Garden City, Idaho. Facility improvements will include new and replacement sidewalks, mid-block crosswalks, ADA curb ramps and low-stress bike facilities. The benefits realized will be a safer more equitable transportation network for pedestrians and bicyclists that will remove barriers and improve access to education, employment, transit, recreation and healthcare. Improved access and reduced travel time will translate into economic growth and a better quality of life for the residents in these disadvantaged communities.

The cost of the Access to Opportunity planning, environmental and design effort is \$6,429,500. ACHD has committed a 20% match of \$1,285,900 in local, non-federal funds.

ACHD appreciates your consideration of our application, and we look forward to your favorable response.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Ferch, Transportation Funding Coordinator, at tferch@achdidaho.org or 208-387-6157.

Sincerely,

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Ada County Highway District