

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Office of the US Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: Letter of Support for RAISE Grant for Chinden State Highway (US 20/26) in Garden City, Idaho

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter on behalf of the Ada County Highway District's Pedestrian Advisory Group is in support of the RAISE grant for Chinden Boulevard (US Hwy 20/26) in Garden City, ID. Our group serves ACHD in an advisory role on pedestrian safety, access, and other issues.

The need for basic pedestrian infrastructure on Chinden Boulevard is essential, but currently lacking. The boulevard has been neglected from a pedestrian standpoint for a long time, and lacks sidewalks on both sides of the road and safe crossings to and from residential areas and essential services like groceries and places of employment.

As it stands now, pedestrians must sacrifice their own safety when they traverse Chinden. But it doesn't need to be this way – with the improvements that the RAISE grant would bring, the boulevard would be safer for the people who live along it, improve equity for those who get around the city on foot, and make the area more sustainable.

Thank you for your consideration, and we are excited at the changes this grant would bring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Jaszewski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joe Jaszewski
ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group representative