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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,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County 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 Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County has partnered with ACHD on a number of projects over the years in an effort to make our roads and pathways safer for kids and families in our community. We fully support of the projects being recommended as part the Access to Opportunity Project and are particularly eager to see the improvements identified for Ustick Road-43rd Street. With the heavy volume of traffic in this area, we believe these improvements as are critical in providing those who are walking or biking safe access to jobs, schools, the greenbelt and the Boys & Girls Club.

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

Sincerely,

Colleen Braga
Executive Director
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