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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,

Garden City Urban Renewal Agency 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.

Three of the planned projects lie within our East River Front Urban Renewal District. The additional funding provided by the RAISE Transportation Planning Grant will significantly enhance our urban renewal efforts to improve the six of the targeted criteria in this historically disadvantaged area of Garden City, Idaho.

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Souza Chair

Garden City Urban Renewal Agency