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

Re: Raise Grant Letter of Support for the Ada County Highway District Access to Opportunity Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Garden City, please accept this letter of support for the Ada County Highway District Access to Opportunity Project.

ACHD has identified 12 active transportation projects that staff have completed preliminary scoping and are also listed in ACHD's FY2022-2026 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. Six of the projects are identified in Garden City in a portion of the community that is historically disadvantaged. Garden City supports the Ada County Highway District and their projects to aid active transportation and remove long-standing barriers for residents who walk, bike, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of those within this community.

Benefits include creating safe sidewalks that meet American with Disabilities Act standards, enhancing pedestrian crosswalks where they do not currently exist, creating connections to transit routes, and access to schools and parks. These improvements will enhance bike lanes for safe, low-stress travel and provide the ability for the public to safely enjoy their journey to healthcare, grocery, education, and the Boise River Greenbelt transportation network.

The city of Garden City supports improvements to public access in Ada County and safety for our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jenah Thornborrow at jthorn@gardencityidaho.org.

Appreciatively,

John G. Evans

Mayor