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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: RAISE 2022 Grant Request: Access to Opportunity Project, Cities of Garden City and Boise, Idaho

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write this letter in support of the Ada County Highway District's (ACHD's) application for a US Department of Transportation RAISE grant for the Access to Opportunity Project in the Cities of Garden City and Boise, Idaho.

The greater Boise, Idaho, area is one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation. The unprecedented growth creates the need to look at different options and create opportunities for neighborhoods that are historically underserved. The neighborhoods in the Access to Opportunity project include populations who are low-income and need safer alternatives for transportation and better access to jobs and services.

The Access to Opportunity Project will develop projects to remove barriers for people who walk and ride bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. The project will create better access to basic services, as well as jobs and recreational opportunities near their neighborhoods and connections to the entire region through improved transit connections. Once the project is completed, residents will have a better quality of life and more opportunities than ever before.

We urge the US Department of Transportation to give this application all due consideration.

Sincerely,



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