



April 4, 2022

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,

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) 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. VRT and ACHD work together to bring multi-modal transportation solutions to the residents of Ada County. This project will advance multi-modal planning within a Historically Disadvantaged Community, preparing for capital projects that will connect people to jobs, food, shopping, parks and recreation, education, health care and transit.

Specifically, VRT and ACHD have been working together to improve non-motorized infrastructure along Fairview Avenue and crossing Chinden Boulevard. The planning and design work on Fairview will compliment VRT's efforts to convert Fairview into a premium transit corridor. The design work to improve pedestrian crossings across Chinden will make the transit service on Chinden more useful to the rapidly growing community of Garden City.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Badesheim".

Kelli Badesheim  
Executive Director  
Valley Regional Transit