

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

February 23, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write in support of Gunnison County's application to the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for funding. If awarded, this project will fund the construction of a roundabout, pedestrian underpass, and transit stops.

This public infrastructure construction project is made in partnership with the Town of Crested Butte and will provide a needed transportation connection to 255 affordable housing units. Due to high housing prices, many community members commute 25 to 30 miles by bus to their jobs. The project will link to a regional transit hub and allow for easier access to affordable housing that is currently under construction in the rural mountain community of Crested Butte, a well-known Colorado tourist destination. Ultimately, this project will increase community safety and reachability for its local workforce.

We encourage you to give Gunnison County's application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our offices of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator