

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 22, 2023

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 the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's (RIDOT) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. This funding would support the agency's project, entitled "Right-Sizing Route 37 to Improve Community Connectivity."

This project would allow RIDOT to finalize a major infrastructure project for the State of Rhode Island, completing the repair and replacement of Route 37, a heavily-trafficked corridor linking two cities and Interstates 95 and 295. This construction project includes the decommissioning of two bridges to reduce future maintenance costs, as well as the integration of multimodal and safety upgrades that will further align segments of the roadway with the state's Transit Master Plan and Bicycle Mobility Plan.

We strongly support RIDOT's application and request your full and fair consideration of this proposal within all applicable rules and regulations of your agency. If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Thank you.

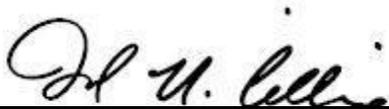
Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator



David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress



Seth Magaziner
Member of Congress