

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 17th, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are proud to support the City of Springfield's application for funding under the FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program for Usable Segment III of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project (Project).

This phase of the Project will build upon years of planning, design, and construction along Springfield's rail corridor that is critical to both the movement of passengers and freight. This funding would provide the resources necessary to complete the underpasses at Madison and Jefferson Streets, as well as, the new Transportation Center. Additionally, this funding would help complete the rail corridor work from south of Capitol Avenue to north of Madison Street.

In addition, the Project is part of the Chicago to St. Louis high speed rail route, which offers numerous benefits to train passengers in this heavily-trafficked corridor. With this funding, Springfield will be able to better connect its community while building upon the framework of the State of Illinois' high speed rail network.

We strongly support the City of Springfield's RAISE application in order to continue the Project's progress of improving this vital rail corridor. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Member of Congress



Darin LaHood
Member of Congress