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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application submitted by the City of Philadelphia in partnership with Temple University to the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All program for their *Philadelphia Vision Zero Capital Plan Implementation* project. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

The City has informed me that in 2020, 156 people lost their lives to traffic incidents, an 82 percent increase over the previous five years. In response to this, I understand that the City has adopted a "Vision Zero" goal of ending fatal crashes by the year 2030. The City's recent RAISE award, which will target seven high-crash corridors across Philadelphia, will help move them towards this goal, but I am told that the City intends to be proactive and address other major corridors that pose a threat to safety.

To that end, I understand that the City of Philadelphia is seeking funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All program to address sections of North Broad Street from Cecil B. Moore Avenue to Allegheny Avenue, and portions of Cecil B. Moore Avenue between 10th Street and 17th Street. The City informs me that the specific improvements would include raised medians, pedestrian refuge islands, speed management measures, traffic signal upgrades and raised crosswalks. The City has stressed that implementing these proven measures will make these streets safer for pedestrians and mitigate accidents, injuries and fatalities.

I also understand that this project would be an opportunity to address racial inequities resulting from inadequate historical infrastructure investment. The City informs me that these two corridors are in "Transportation Disadvantaged" areas as designated by the Department of Transportation. I am told that Temple University will provide matching funds for this project, but that federal funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All program will be critical to bring this to fruition.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator