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March 21, 2023

US169 RURAL SAFETY AND MOBILITY INTERCHNAGE PROJECT SHERBURNE COUNTY AND CITY
OF ZIMMERMAN

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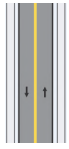
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US 169 RURAL SAFETY AND MOBILITY INTERCHANGE PROJECT

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS AT A GLANCE



Reconstruct approximately 1 mile of US 169 and 1/2 mile of CR 4. Construct 2nd St. E extensions.



Incorporate a dedicated multiuse trail to connect Zimmerman to the regional trail network and rural areas.



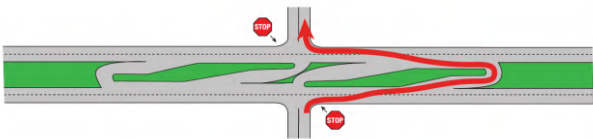
Replace the signalized intersection with a grade separated single point urban interchange (SPUI).



2022 US 169/CR 4 interchange rendering



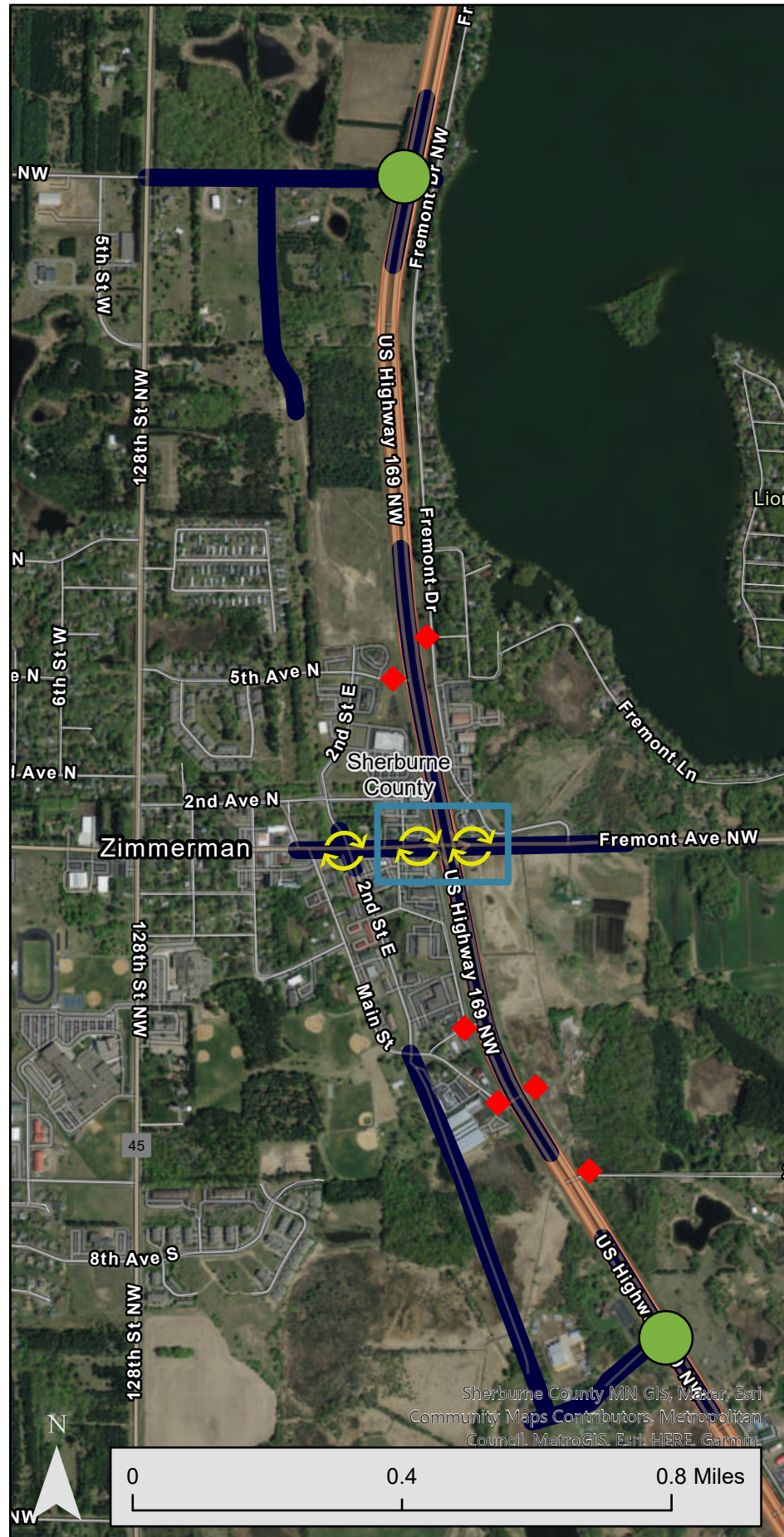
Install 2 new Reduced Conflict Intersections (RCIs), also referred to as J-turns or RCUTs.



Construct 3 new roundabouts along CR 4.



Remove 6 at-grade access points onto US 169.



AMY KLOBUCHAR
MINNESOTA

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Sherburne County, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

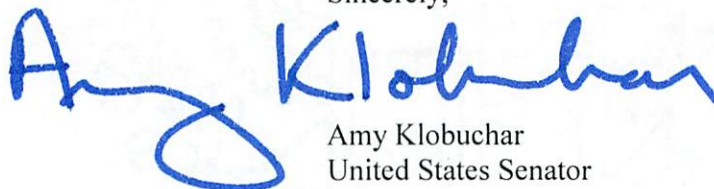
I write in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. If awarded, funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 (US-169) and County Highway 4 (CR 4) in Zimmerman, Minnesota. Completing this project would address critical safety concerns, enhance access to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and provide additional capacity to support increasing traffic volumes in the region.

U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route that extends from central Minnesota to the Twin Cities metropolitan area and into southern Minnesota. The highway serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Currently, US-169 in the city of Zimmerman is an outdated four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections and limited frontage road systems. The intersection of US-169 and CR 4 is one of the last signalized intersections on US-169 in the region, and the State of Minnesota ranks this intersection as one of the most dangerous intersections in the state.

If awarded, funding from the RAISE Program would improve a critical junction in Minnesota's transportation network by installing a hybrid diamond interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Road 4 in Zimmerman, Minnesota. It would also be used to consolidate and upgrade 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on US-169, including a new multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on CR 4. These improvements would eliminate significant safety issues, expand capacity, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries that rely on this critical corridor. This project would also help rural communities accommodate long-term growth and link them to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Again, I support Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application/#DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I urge your consideration for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application submitted by Sherburne County. If awarded, the project would improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration with a hybrid roundabout controlling ramp access. The proposed design minimizes wetland resource and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will eliminate significant safety issues, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries. It also should be noted that this project received a Congressional Directed Spending award of \$7 million in the 117th Congress.

For the reasons above, I encourage your strong consideration of this proposal. If you any questions, please contact Myles Artis by email at myles_artis@smith.senate.gov.

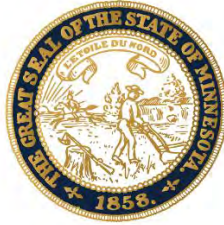
Sincerely,



Tina Smith

US Senator

Kurt Daudt
House Minority Leader



Minnesota
House of
Representatives

March 18, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

*RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4)
Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project*

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4. The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169.

I am writing to express my support of the Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project, as it will greatly benefit the safety of our community, including constituents living in the area as well as those that travel to our area for work.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn or 651.296.5364.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kurt Daudt".

Kurt Daudt
House Minority Leader
Minnesota House of Representatives

Shane Mekeland
State Representative
District 15B



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 11, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

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I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit our rapidly growing community of both new residents and new businesses and I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Shane Mekeland
State Representative, 15B



Paul Novotny
State Representative

District 30A



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 8, 2021

Mr. Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit my constituents and the surrounding communities by eliminating long backups into neighboring cities and by providing a safe way for pedestrian and bicycle traffic to cross the highway safely while minimizing wetland disturbances.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at 651-296-3240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Novotny 30A". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rep. Paul Novotny
House District 30A



395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

February 23, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity application for the US 169/County Road 4 interchange project in Sherburne County. This project is a locally led project on MnDOT's trunk highway system. The project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed County Road 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access points and 26 private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at County Road 4.

Currently, the total project cost estimate is \$42.5 million. Sherburne County has identified \$17.5 million for this project. MnDOT currently does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or funding identified in MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP). It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction in 2024.

MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with Sherburne County as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Andrew Witter, Public Works Director/County Engineer, Sherburne County
Mike Ginnaty, District Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation

**Resolution of Support and Approval for a RAISE Grant Application for
U.S. Highway 169/County Highway 4 Interchange Project in Zimmerman, MN**

WHEREAS, Sherburne County has acknowledged that there is insufficient funding to complete all identified County Roads capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) Transportation grant program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) directs that funds provided for RAISE Transportation grants be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the FY2023 Appropriations Act specifies that RAISE Transportation grants may not be less than \$1 million and not greater than \$25 million, except that for projects located rural areas the minimum award size is \$1million; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for RAISE Transportation grants include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge or other road projects as well as public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, port infrastructure investments, and intermodal projects; and

WHEREAS, Sherburne County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is seeking funds to convert the U.S Highway 169/County Highway 4 intersection to an interchange; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project will improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas; improve infrastructure condition; address public health and safety; promote regional connectivity; facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and address deteriorating conditions in rural transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sherburne County will be able to provide funding toward the local match and partner with MNDOT to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the RAISE grant application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance; secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Sherburne County to apply for this grant and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners supports and approves the application for a FY 2023 RAISE grant to complete an interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota and authorizes and directs the Sherburne County Engineer to submit the application.

Adopted by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of February, 2023.

District # 1 – Hulse
District # 2 - Danielowski
District # 3 – Felber
District # 4 - Gray
District # 5 - Fobbe

YES	NO
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE**

I, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Sherburne County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Sherburne County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting duly held on February 7, 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said Board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of February, 2023.



Bruce Messelt, County Administrator





Sherburne County Sheriff's Office

"Commitment to Service with Integrity and Pride"

Sheriff Joel Brott

February 14, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4)
Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2023 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration with a hybrid roundabout controlling ramp accesses. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection in conjunction with the interchange. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway with construction anticipated for Spring 2024, after assembling a full funding package.

Construction of the Interchange Project will greatly benefit our community and those that travel through it on their way to visit family, spend time up north, or simply commuting to and from their workplace. The northeast portion of our county is the fastest growing area in our jurisdiction; projections anticipate a 40% increase in traffic volume over the next 20 years. In the last seven years, 139 crashes, including one fatality, have occurred at this intersection with damages estimated over \$17 million. Our deputies typically are the first to respond to these crashes, witnessing firsthand the lifechanging events that are put into motion. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office supports this initiative knowing we could provide a safer route, not only for motorists, but for pedestrian and bicyclists, alike.

Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 763-765-3501 or joel.brott@co.sherburne.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Joel Brott

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CITY OF ZIMMERMAN

Date: March 21, 2022
Motion by: Stay

Resolution No.: 2022-03-04
Second by: Bondhus

**Resolution of Support
Sherburne County 2022 RAISE Grant Application
U.S. Highway 169/County Highway 4 Interchange Project in Zimmerman, MN**

- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Transportation offers a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) Transportation grant program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance; and
- WHEREAS,** the FY 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) directs that funds provided for RAISE Transportation grants be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the FY2022 Appropriations Act specifies that RAISE Transportation grants may not be less than \$1 million and not greater than \$25 million, except that for projects located rural areas the minimum award size is \$1 million; and
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- WHEREAS,** Sherburne County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is seeking funds to convert the U.S Highway 169/County Highway 4 intersection to an interchange; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed Project will improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas; improve infrastructure condition; address public health and safety; promote regional connectivity; facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and address deteriorating conditions in rural transportation infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sherburne County Board intends to approve submission of a FY 2022 RAISE transportation grant.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Zimmerman City County supports the Sherburne County application for a FY 2022 RAISE grant to complete an interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota.

BONDHUS	YES	BONDHUS	NO
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STAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

I, Kary Tillmann, duly appointed, qualified, and acting Clerk to the Council for the City of Zimmerman, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution or motion with the original minutes of proceedings of the Zimmerman City Council, at their session held on the 21st day of March, 2022, now on file in my office and have found the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Zimmerman, Minnesota, the 22nd day of March, 2022.


 Kary Tillmann Clerk/Treasurer



March 15, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway
169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express the Department's support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant. As an Emergency First Responder and Fire Chief, I fully support the County's efforts to improve the safety and efficient operations of the proposed US Highway 169/County Road 4 (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. Elimination of the signalized intersection and grade separation will undoubtedly save lives through the elimination of broadside vehicle crashes, most occurring at highway speeds when a motorist disregards the traffic signal. While the proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169, it also constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail connection crossing US 169.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will address critical safety and operational issues that have existed at this intersection for 20+ years.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer any further questions, please contact me at 763-856-2280.

Sincerely,

Ryan Maloney
Fire Chief

April 5, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer any further questions, please contact me at 763-856-2280.

Sincerely,

Rob Almendinger, NRP, CP
Manager, North Memorial Health-Princeton
Cell: (218) 232-6170
Email: rob.almendinger@northmemorial.com
Northmemorial.com



March 31, 2021
Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4)
Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the residents of Livonia Township by providing access to HWY 169 and the crossing of HWY 169 safer and faster, and I am writing to express the support of Livonia Township. The inclusion of a pedestrian crossing is a very important addition as there is considerable pedestrian traffic in the area.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at Livonia Township 763-856-5640 or livtownclrk@sherbtl.net.

Sincerely,

Jody Hammre
Clerk/Treasurer
On behalf of the Livonia Town Board
Livonia Township



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PRINCETON, MINNESOTA 55371
E-MAIL: city@princetonmn.org
www.princetonmn.org

March 24, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Princeton supports Sherburne County's request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the traveling public by improving safety, reducing congestion for vacation-bound travelers, and improving travel times for goods, services and emergency response.

The Princeton City Council encourages you to give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration. If you have questions, please direct them to the City Administrator, Michele McPherson at mmcpherson@princetonmn.org or (763) 389-2040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thom Walker", with a checkmark at the end.

Thom Walker
Mayor

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FIRE DEPT	(763) 389-2040	FAX	(763) 389-0993	MUNICIPAL LIQUOR	(763) 389-3613

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BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

30239 128th Street, Princeton MN 55371

Telephone: (763) 389-8931

Fax: (763) 389-2751

June 8, 2020

Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant: Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Interchange Project (Zimmerman, MN)

Dear Ms. Chao,

We are writing in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota. This project addresses critical safety concerns and will provide crucial capacity to support increasing traffic volumes on U.S. Highway 169.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve several rural communities in greater Central Minnesota and enhances access to the metropolitan region. The project is located in a rural community and will provide a critical linkage to the Twin Cities economic center. U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route in central Minnesota and serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Travel from 76 of the 87 counties in Minnesota passes through the project area.

Currently, U.S. Highway 169 in the City of Zimmerman is a four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections, traffic signals at major intersections, and limited frontage and backage road systems. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has secured funding to reconstruct U.S. Highway 169 to a freeway system. The County is seeking BUILD funds to complete the vision for the U.S. Highway 169 corridor and address critical safety issues.

The U.S. Highway 169/County Highway 4 intersection will represent the last remaining signalized intersection within a 75-mile corridor of U.S. Highway 169 between Interstate 94 and Mille Lacs County following completion of the MnDOT's Highway 169 Reconstruction Project. The current traffic signal control at the Highway 169/County Highway 4 is ranked 2nd worst in safety within Central Minnesota (MnDOT District 3). Reconstruction of this intersection is critical to eliminate significant safety issues, expand capacity, and support the freight and tourism industries that rely on this corridor.

BUILD grant funds will be used to construct the Highway 169/County Highway 4 interchange to address critical safety and operational issues, as well as accommodate planned long-term growth and connect rural communities to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

We support the Sherburne County's application for the funding of the Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 763-389-8931 or cathy.stevens@baldwintwpmn.com.

Mission Statement

To make Baldwin Township a proud place to live by safeguarding property rights, encouraging agriculture, commercial communities and residential growth.

Elaine L. Chao
June 8, 2020
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Sincerely,

The Baldwin Town Board

The Baldwin Town Board
Sherburne County Minnesota

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March 15, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Elk River, Minnesota City Council to express our support for Sherburne County, Minnesota's request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the entire region served by the US 169 corridor which is why we express our support for this much needed project.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know.

Sincerely,

John J. Dietz
Mayor
City of Elk River

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March 15, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

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US Highway 169 is vital for our community as it is the most direct connection to the Twin Cities metropolitan area. This is of great importance for the large number of residents and business that reside in Mille Lacs County and work in the Twin Cities, and also for those businesses in Mille Lacs County that rely heavily on tourism from the Twin Cities. Per the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), in 2019 56.8% of individuals employed in Mille Lacs County commuted into the County for work, but lived outside its borders. Additionally, 64.1% of individuals living in Mille Lacs County were employed outside the County. US Highway 169 is critical to these commuters and ensuring that both local businesses have access to the skilled workforce they require, and that residents have access to economic and social opportunities via Highway 169.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Genny Reynolds
Mille Lacs County Board Chairperson



May 15, 2020

Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant: Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Interchange Project (Zimmerman, MN)

Dear Ms. Chao,

I am writing in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota. This project addresses critical safety concerns and will provide crucial capacity to support increasing traffic volumes on U.S. Highway 169.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve several rural communities in greater Central Minnesota and enhances access to the metropolitan region. The project is located in a rural community and will provide a critical linkage to the Twin Cities economic center. U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route in central Minnesota and serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Travel from 76 of the 87 counties in Minnesota passes through the project area.

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BUILD grant funds will be used to construct the Highway 169/County Highway 4 interchange to address critical safety and operational issues, as well as accommodate planned long-term growth and connect rural communities to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Improvements funded by the BUILD

grant will support safety improvements for the decrease commute time for the Orrock Township residents working in the Elk River and the Minneapolis/St/ Paul areas.

I support the Sherburne County's application for the funding of the Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at SupervisorD@orrocktownship.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Silverberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carrie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Silverberg".

Corrie Silverberg
Chair
Orrock Township Board



March 15, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange, and even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the existing business community through improved highway access, and promote additional growth of commercial, retail and service businesses. This Project also significantly improves the safety of the local, regional, intrastate and interstate travelers. The Zimmerman Area Chamber fully supports Sherburne County's request.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at 763-856-4666 x 1022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kary Tillmann'.

Kary Tillmann
Board Member



March 16, 2021

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the commercial users, their employees and the tourism travelers both with the increase in safety and improvement of congestion in the area. Additionally this improvement will allow for new economic development in the area, allowing our region to continue to flourish. As a local chamber of commerce we support these types of projects because they are a win-win-win for the community.

Please give this 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at the chamber office

Sincerely,

Danyell Wendland
ERACC Board Chair 20-21

Debbi Rydberg
Executive Director
Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce



February 28, 2023

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2023 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration with a hybrid roundabout controlling ramp accesses. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection in conjunction with the interchange. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway with construction anticipated for Spring 2024, after assembling a full funding package.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the Princeton community by giving easier access to our community, and I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org

Sincerely,

Kim Young

Kim Young
Executive Director
Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

March 11, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4)
Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

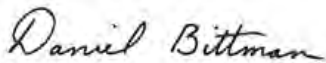
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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit ISD 728 staff and community members, creating safe opportunities to get to and from schools and local businesses. I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 763-241-3401 or at daniel.bittman@isd728.org.

Sincerely,



Dr. Daniel Bittman
Superintendent of Schools
ISD 728

March 24, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project must become a priority with the planned traffic flow improvements to US Highway 169, through the City of Elk River, to our south. An already proven dangerous intersection for the residents of Sherburne County will become even more so without this necessary traffic safety improvement. I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I can be reached at blavigne@thebankofelkriver.com

Sincerely,



Bill LaVigne
Chief Operating Officer
The Bank of Elk River



March 22, 2022

Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at my office 763-427-5955 or my cell 612-282-9466.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 2022

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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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April 21, 2020

Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant: Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Interchange Project (Zimmerman, MN)

Dear Ms. Chao,

As owners of 40-acres of property proposed to be impacted by this request, we are writing in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 on a portion of my property in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota. This project addresses critical safety concerns and will provide crucial capacity to support increasing traffic volumes on U.S. Highway 169.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve several rural communities in greater Central Minnesota and enhances access to the metropolitan region. The project is located in a rural community and will provide a critical linkage to the Twin Cities economic center. U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route in central Minnesota and serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Travel from 76 of the 87 counties in Minnesota passes through the project area.

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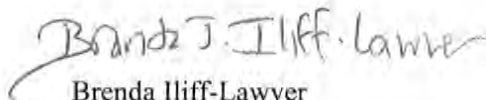
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BUILD grant funds will be used to construct the Highway 169/County Highway 4 interchange to address critical safety and operational issues, as well as accommodate planned long-term growth and connect rural communities to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

We support the Sherburne County's application for the funding of the Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 651-247-9753.

Sincerely,


John Lawver


Brenda Iliff-Lawver