

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write to you regarding the City of San Luis, Arizona's application for \$25 million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant funding. Federal funding would allow the City of San Luis to complete the Cesar Chavez Boulevard Multimodal Improvements project which aims to reconstruct and modernize Cesar Chavez Boulevard which connects the San Luis I International Port of Entry to San Luis II Commercial Port of Entry.

The City of San Luis is located in Yuma County, Arizona. With its proximity to the Mexican border, the economic activity in San Luis is dependent upon border crossings, which exceeds 2.3 million people per year, and its support of the agricultural industry. Modernizing Cesar Chavez Boulevard would help enable people on both sides of the border to access jobs and education opportunities and improve the quality of life for community residents that have struggle with poverty.


The Cesar Chavez Boulevard Multimodal Improvements project will reconstruct five miles of the road from its current two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway that will include a shared use path, sidewalks, signalized pedestrian crossing, street lighting, bus bays, transit stops and shelters. The modernization of Cesar Chavez Boulevard would create a safer environment for all modes of transportation while reducing congestion along the corridor. The project will add bike lanes and a shared use path to Cesar Chavez Boulevard, thereby encouraging residents to consider other transportation options besides driving. The resulting improved traffic conditions along the corridor will help reduce vehicular emissions and pollution in the area. This increased roadway capacity will also support continued development of the area, including industrial development that will create new jobs.

As the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to be implemented, we will keep working across the aisle in the United States Senate to promote economic well-being for all Arizonans. In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we respectfully ask that you give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important funding decision.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator



Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator