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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Re:

Letter of Support - Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector Phase II

2022 DOT-RAISE Planning Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in regard to the Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector Phase II 2022 RAISE Application. As explained in the application, the requested funds will: a) complete the Intermodal Connector's remaining 1.90 miles by widening existing Pearson Road to a 4-lane and also constructing a new 4-lane road to connect with US 49; b) allow work to immediately proceed with design to incorporate new environmental sustainability measures and innovative technologies and other practices to drive safety, equity, climate, and resilience; and c) allow additional public engagement in conjunction with updating and finalizing NEPA documents. I believe this grant is vital ton continue the project's strong momentum toward construction.

I request you give this application consideration, consistent with applicable Rules and Regulations.

Respectfully,

Brad White