

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 14, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in strong support of the application submitted by the City of Manchester, NH for a FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. Funding from the RAISE program will enable the City of Manchester to transform its South Millyard area and dramatically improve the movement of people and goods at the center of New Hampshire's largest city.

The Manchester Millyard was once home to the largest textile manufacturing complex in the world. Over the past two decades, the South Millyard has evolved from an area of heavy industry with supporting rail corridors to an area of vibrant mixed uses, including educational institutions, multi-unit housing, restaurants, shopping, sports and entertainment and other dynamic activities. However, the potential for ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.

The Manchester RAISE project provides an innovative approach to invest in an intermodal project that will reweave the lost connections so that this central part of our community can thrive. The project will increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services, mitigate existing extreme congestion, increase safety and provide more transportation choices. It will also create a completely new multi-modal transportation corridor and the opportunity for a Multi-Modal Transportation Hub, provide opportunities for infill development of multi-use buildings and improve a major gateway intersection.

The positive effects of this RAISE investment will ripple through the city and across the state. It will allow the City of Manchester to sustain current growth and capitalize on future opportunities for development of multi-use buildings including offices, manufacturing, housing and other dynamic regional attractions. I strongly support the City's application for a FY 2021 RAISE grant, and I request that you give all due attention to the application for this innovative project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jon Jarvis in my office at 603-647-7500.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

CC: City of Manchester Department of Public Works