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April 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Letter of Support for City of Salina, Kansas Smoky Hill River Bridges and Connectivity Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the City of Salina and their application for assistance through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The Smoky Hill River Bridges and Connectivity Project is a multiple bridge and channel restoration project for a blighted, underutilized area which is prone to flooding. This development will replace seven bridges, construct bike and pedestrian trails, add a community plaza, rejuvenate six parks located along the river channel and bring outdoor recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors to enjoy. Improvements will make the neighborhood resilient to increasing environmental impacts and help advance a long-term vision for the revitalization of the Smoky Hill River recreational district located in the heart of the city of Salina.

Funding support will transform the City of Salina into a center for economic prosperity, create high-paying jobs, improve the safety of existing transportation systems and expand multimodal transportation infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



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