

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing in support of an application by the City of Yuma, Arizona (City) for an estimated \$10,614,225 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grant to support the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center (Center) in downtown Yuma. The Center is part of an ambitious economic revitalization plan for the region, where the unemployment rate is extremely high. The new Center will advance equity, opportunity, and accessibility by strengthening the mobility and safety of citizens, consolidating several modes of transportation at one location, transforming the heart of the city, and most of all, supporting the movement of citizens to and from school and work as they pursue opportunities to improve their quality of life. Businesses located in downtown Yuma, citizens, including military personnel serving at Yuma Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, and tourists will directly benefit with access to more robust transportation alternatives.

The Center will include, at a minimum, bus bays for Greyhound and Yuma County Area Transit vehicles, a renovated pedestrian pathway to the Amtrak platform, an indoor passenger waiting area with ticketing kiosks, waiting areas for bus, rail and taxi/shuttle providers, and office space for Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority. The location of the project will also provide efficient access to jobs and services by enhancing transit access to the historic downtown, one of the community's largest job centers with thousands of City, County, and Federal employees working in the area. Other benefits of the project include an expected reduction of congestion and environmental impacts from single vehicle traffic while providing residents with alternative methods of transportation to augment the automobile.

The total project cost of the Center is estimated to be \$14.2 million. Of this total, the City is prepared to contribute an estimated \$3,538,075; providing a non-federal match of 25 percent of the total project cost. The investment will enhance regional transportation, help create opportunities for citizens to advance their lives educationally, professionally, and economically, support job creation, enhance job and much needed transportation opportunities for low-income citizens, and stimulate the economic development of one of the nation's most economically distressed areas.

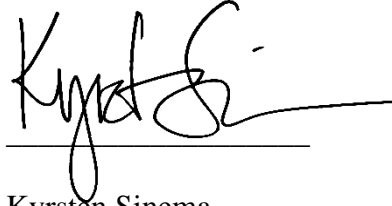
We express our strong support for the Center project as the city and its partners work to advance and improve the quality of life within the Yuma region. We support and share the vision of being a more livable and sustainable community by enhancing transportation alternatives.

We would greatly appreciate your full and fair consideration of this grant application by the City of Yuma.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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