

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write regarding Pima County's application for \$25,000,000 in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant funding. Federal funding would allow the County to improve West Valencia Road in Tucson, Arizona. These improvements will reduce road congestion and provide safe and convenient alternative forms of transportation.

West Valencia Road is an 11-mile corridor connecting Interstates 10 and 19 and central Tucson to major education, employment and population centers including tribal lands from the Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham Nations. West Valencia Road has inadequate sidewalks, minimal bicycle facilities, and few transit services, limiting transportation along this popular road. Pima County's proposed project aims to add additional travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes and transit enhancements to the last remaining unimproved 1.3-mile segment of West Valencia Road. The updates and upgrades this project will bring will help relieve increasing traffic congestion in this growing community, while also providing residents with provide additional transportation options.

Pima County's infrastructure project improvements will make the streets safer for both pedestrians and drivers while provide the community better access to schools, jobs and services. 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



Juan Ciscomani
United States Representative



Raúl Grijalva
United States Representative

Greg Stanton

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