



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Guiding the Future of Transportation for the Twin Ports Area

April 8, 2022

Mr. Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Reconstruction of W. Superior St in the Lincoln Park business district from W. Michigan St to Carlton Ave

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) I am writing in support of the City of Duluth requesting RAISE Grant funding that would allow projects to be initiated in the planning stage while applying for construction funding. The City of Duluth intends to use discretionary local funds to complete a community-driven design process to construct the project.

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior area, the MIC is charged with transportation planning for the urbanized area. The proposed project supports the economic development goal per our area's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

This regionally significant project will include the reconstruction of W. Superior St in the Lincoln Park business district from W. Michigan St to Carlton Ave. The project will reconstruct the entire street replacing all underground utilities (water, sewer, storm, fiber, electric) and the above ground streetscape with a new ADA-compliant pedestrian realm; including a separated multi-use pathway, transit stops, street lighting, plantings and other amenities, two travel lanes, and on-street parking.

The MIC encourages your consideration of the City of Duluth's application for 2022 RAISE grant funds for the proposed project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Chicka'.

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