



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Guiding the Future of Transportation for the Twin Ports Area

February 27, 2023

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: City of Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge RAISE Grant Project – 2023

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 to restore and ensure the continued safe operation of the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge. This bridge is an iconic historic landmark for the Duluth region and continues to serve as a key entry point into the Duluth-Superior harbor for local, national and international maritime traffic.

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 goal to ensure the economic and safety goals and identified as a “Short Term” need in the project list of the Duluth-Superior’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The MIC encourages your consideration of the City of Duluth’s application for 2023 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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