March 31, 2022

The Honorable Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: RAISE Grant – Pima County, Arizona, Sunset Road Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Arizona Department of Transportation’s Southcentral District, I am writing to express my strong support for Pima County’s Sunset Road Project application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. This project will bring critically needed infrastructure to improve traveler and freight mobility in the Pima County region.

**Sunset Road, I-10 Interchange to River Road**

This project connects the northwestern Tucson metropolitan area to Interstate 10 via an extension from River Road with a new traffic interchange. This project will enhance the widening of Interstate 10 through the Tucson metropolitan area, and facilitate regional circulation by providing grade separated crossings over Interstate 10 and the Union Pacific railroad. This is a regional project, in partnership with ADOT and the City of Tucson. The National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, process is well underway, with a locally approved Environmental Assessment. If awarded, construction could commence in 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical infrastructure project for Pima County. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (520)388-4200 or rlane@azdot.gov. We look forward to partnering with Pima County to improve our critical infrastructure and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Roderick Lane, PE
Southcentral District Engineer
Arizona Department of Transportation

cc: Kohinoor Kar, ADOT