April 14, 2022

The Honorable Secretary Peter Buttigieg  
U.S. 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 Pima Association of Governments (PAG), I am writing to express my 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 northeastern Tucson metropolitan area to Interstate 10 via an extension from River Road with a new traffic interchange. This project will facilitate the widening of Interstate 10 through the Tucson metropolitan area and enhance regional circulation by providing grade-separated crossings over Interstate 10 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

This is a regional project, managed by Pima County in partnership with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Tucson. The National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, process is well underway, with a locally approved Environmental Assessment. If awarded, construction would commence in 2022.

Moreover, with its inclusion in the 20-year Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan, approved by Pima County voters in 2006, this project is supported by the RTA as well as Pima Association of Governments. PAG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the greater Tucson region and serves as the fiscal manager of the RTA.

In addition to being largely funded through the RTA plan and its voter-approved revenues, the project is included in both the metropolitan transportation plan and the Transportation Improvement Program and, if granted, the additional federal support would make it possible.
Thank you for your consideration of this critical infrastructure project for Pima County. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to contact me at (520) 792-1093 or fmoghimi@pagregion.com. We look forward to partnering with you and other regional stakeholders to improve our critical regional infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director