

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4805

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in regards to the West Virginia Division of Highways' (WVDOH) application for funding through the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Funding would allow implementation of the Eastern Panhandle Rural Multimodal Transit Center project, and I am in support of their application.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I am proud to have spearheaded bipartisan legislation that will directly invest in our nation's infrastructure needs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide transformational support to our communities, and I am happy to see the positive effects this legislation is already having in West Virginia.

Should funding be awarded, WVDOH will implement the Eastern Panhandle Rural Multimodal Transit Center project in downtown Martinsburg, which will be owned and operated by the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (EPTA). This project will improve access to safe and reliable transit service, provide sustainable transportation choices, and further economic development and quality of life developments by improving regional transportation access in one of the fastest-growing regions of West Virginia.

I firmly believe that West Virginia's brightest day are ahead of us. I am proud to see WVDOH directly investing in the future of our state, and our fellow Mountaineers. I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities, working in West Virginia, and I hope you will give their application your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator