

# 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 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 implement their *WV-14 Improvements: Restoring Pride in South Parkersburg* 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 begin a multi-stage improvement project along WV-14, which is a key commercial and residential corridor. In partnership with local stakeholders, including the Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission (WWW) and the City of Parkersburg, this project will address existing active transportation and vehicular traffic movement congestion. This will improve quality of life for local residents by increasing access to businesses and services, and improve commercial transit through West Virginia to other states.

I firmly believe that West Virginia's brightest days 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