

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4805

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Martinsburg's application for federal funding through the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Martinsburg Greenway Trail Network.

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, the City of Martinsburg, in partnership with the Berkeley County Commission, will begin construction on the trail network that will connect downtown Martinsburg to the existing regional Route 9 trail. This will link together several community activity centers within Martinsburg, including: the historic downtown core, multiple community parks and recreation centers, public schools for students K-12, and two multimodal transportation facilities to enable seamless transition from bike/pedestrian to passenger rail (via Maryland Area Regional Commuter/AMTRAK) and public transit (via Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority).

West Virginia's best days are ahead of us, and every investment made in our state brings us closer to the shared goal of uplifting Mountaineers everywhere. I am proud to see the City of Martinsburg directly investing in the future of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities working in West Virginia. I hope you will give this application your full consideration, as you consider recipients for this year's RAISE program.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator