

# 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 West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways' (WVDOH) application for federal funding through the Department of Transportations' Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the US 19 Westover Gateway Revitalization Plan in Westover, West Virginia.

Approving this project would allow a study that will examine multi-modal corridor upgrades to improve safety and efficiency for all modes of transportation, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The study will also look at how storm water improvements can be made to improve drainage along US 19.

The benefits of this project are numerous. This specific segment of US 19, which is from North Dents Run Road to the Westover Bridge (Lower Pleasant Street Bridge), is an important regional corridor that serves as a gateway between the communities of Morgantown and Westover to the broader North-Central West Virginia region that is accessible via Interstate 79. This gateway ties together numerous industries, including higher education, tourism, and jobs all along North Central WV.

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 WVDOH directly investing in the future of the Morgantown area, 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