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May 6, 2024

Pete Buttigieg, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural); Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is responding to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural). TDOT works closely with incident response agencies to respond to and manage traffic crashes and other incidents and to provide real-time traveler information and alerts. The TDOT Rural project will improve safety, mobility, efficiency, traffic incident management, innovation, sustainability, and state-of-good repair along I-75 and US 11 (Lee Highway, SR 2) in Bradley and McMinn Counties.

Matching project funds will come from the pre-programmed statewide funding within the Rural Service Patrol (RSP) program. If TDOT is awarded this Rural grant, TDOT will schedule the RSP task work order for I-75 in Bradley and McMinn Counties under the approved Rural project schedule.

In addition to RSP funding, TDOT continuously supports the operation of ITS infrastructure from the Region 2 Traffic Management Center in Chattanooga. TDOT maintains ITS infrastructure and will maintain the new systems implemented with the project. TDOT provides funding to local agencies to operate and maintain traffic signals. TDOT's ongoing funding for these operations and maintenance activities is not proposed for consideration as a match for the federal funds requested for this Rural project.

Sincerely,

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