

February 28, 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)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The City encourages the DOT to select this project to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, traffic innocent management, innovation, sustainability, and state of good repair of I-75 and US 11 within the City.

Sincerely,



Kevin Brooks  
Mayor



Bradley County  
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April 18, 2024

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SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE  
HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY

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

Re: Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) is pleased to support the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in responding to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural). SETHRA was organized in 1973 under the Human Resource Act of 1973, as amended. SETHRA operates the Cleveland Urban Area Transit System (CUATS) and the Deviated Fixed-Route system in McMinn County.

SETHRA is a stakeholder for the April 2017 Cleveland Regional ITS Architecture (RITSA) and Deployment Plan. The proposed TDOT project focuses on transportation safety and mobility issues which include upgrading traffic signal controllers on US 11 and other routes to advanced traffic controllers (ATC). ATC will improve the ability of the signals to support effective traffic operations which will in turn improve transit operations.

SETHRA encourages the DOT to select this project to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, traffic incident management, innovation, sustainability, and state-of-good repair of I-75 and US 11 within the City and the region.

Sincerely,

Rachel C. Hackworth, MPA  
Executive Director



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Re: Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural)

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

The Tennessee Highway Patrol is pleased to support the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in responding to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural). THP works closely with TDOT and other incident response agencies to respond to and manage traffic crashes and other incidents.

THP is a stakeholder for the April 2017 Cleveland Regional ITS Architecture (RITSA) and Deployment Plan. Key concerns for the THP are emergency management, traffic incident management, weather information processing and distribution, and traffic information dissemination. The TDOT project addresses and provides significant improvement for each of these concerns.

THP positively anticipates working with the TDOT Rural Service Patrol (RSP) which will be implemented along I-75 as a part of the project. THP positively anticipates working with TDOT's Traffic Management Center (TMC) in Chattanooga as the Project develops applications to support queue warning, speed warning, and visibility warning messages.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CAPT. PATRICK S TURNER".

Captain Patrick Turner  
Tennessee Highway Patrol