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Mr. Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to request your consideration of the grant proposal submitted by the City of San Antonio's application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Culebra Corridor Safety Improvement Project.

The City of San Antonio is applying for a FY23 RAISE Planning Grant for the Culebra Road corridor between I-410 and General McMullen Road, approximately 4.86 miles of a highly transited arterial roadway. The City seeks to perform planning and preliminary engineering and environmental analysis to redesign the roadway to improve the experience for drivers and vulnerable users. The corridor carries over 50,000 vehicles and nearly 20,000 multimodal (bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit) users each day. Between 2017 and 2020, over 600 serious injuries and 16 fatalities occurred along the corridor.

The project will provide significant benefits to all corridor users, including:

- Pedestrian refuge medians and crosswalks;
- Protected bicycle lanes and dedicated transit lanes;
- Trip reliability for personal and transit vehicles;
- Increased tree canopy coverage to reduce urban heat island effect;
- Enhanced lighting and visibility;
- Reduced noise pollution; and
- Low impact development and universal design along the corridor.

The project is consistent with the City's Vision Zero goal to reduce roadway user deaths and improve overall safety for city residents and visitors. The project will align with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safe System Approach and Proven Pedestrian Safety Countermeasures.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the grant proposal submitted by the City of San Antonio's application for federal discretionary grant funding. I am confident that this project is consistent with the objectives of the RAISE program and will continue to strengthen the quality of life for all roadway users in San Antonio. I ask that you keep me apprised of the progress of this application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Grants and Outreach Coordinator, Jasmine Rodriguez, at (210) 348-8216 or by email at [Jasmine.Rodriguez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jasmine.Rodriguez@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joaquin Castro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

Joaquin Castro  
United States Congressman