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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation's (ARDOT) 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) includes the Corning Bypass (Future I-57) Project within the State Highway Projects register. The project is also included in the Renew Arkansas Highways 20-year long-range plan. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant funding, if awarded, will help to complete one of the final links in the I-57 corridor, ultimately connecting Little Rock to Chicago.

The Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) officially approved the preparation of a RAISE Grant Application for this Project at the December 6, 2023 Commission meeting, demonstrating their commitment to the project. As evidenced by the letters of support submitted as part of the funding request, Arkansas is committed to implementing the Project.

As Director, I have the authority to certify that if full grant funds are received, ARDOT intends to commit the remaining non-Federal funds and other Federal funds to this Project in accordance with the grant award agreement and by the statutory obligation deadline of September 30, 2028.

If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorie H. Tudor". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lorie H. Tudor, P.E.
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