

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1407

March 11, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our support for the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Fiscal Year 2021 (Infrastructure for Rebuilding America) INFRA grant application for the Clear Path 465 Project. This critical project will modify several interchanges and provide for added travel lanes around the junction of I-69 and I-465 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This portion of the interstate system is heavily traveled and serves as a critical link for auto and freight traffic in central Indiana. The modification of the I-69/I-465 interchange, additional travel lanes, and ramp modifications on both interstates will benefit the local economy, reduce commuter and freight delays caused by daily congestion in this corridor, and improve safety. Analysis found that travelers in the corridor will save an estimated 4.3 minutes of travel time during peak hours, resulting in travel time savings that exceed \$500 million over the life of project.

Planning for the Clear Path 465 Project began in 2005 and the project has completed several successful rounds of community involvement and environmental review.

As you know, in recent years, the State of Indiana has taken responsible actions to improve the state's transportation systems. This continued federal investment is critical to build on that progress and ensure that the Crossroads of America is able to serve the transportation needs of Hoosiers and the Nation as a whole.

We ask that you give INDOT's grant request full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.



Todd Young
United States Senator

Sincerely,



Mike Braun
United States Senator