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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

Franklin Township in Columbus, Ohio is pleased to demonstrate its intent to partner with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) as part of its request for funding from the USDOT for the following grants: Neighborhood Access and Equity Capital Construction, Neighborhood Access and Equity Regional Partnership Challenge, and the Transit-Oriented Development Grants for the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor project in Columbus, OH.

The West Broad Street BRT corridor is the first rapid transit corridor that will be constructed as part of the regional LinkUS partnership between COTA, the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). LinkUS is Central Ohio's comprehensive mobility initiative to help address growth, affordability, and opportunity gaps. LinkUS is designed to construct five rapid transit corridors and increase transit service hours by 45% by 2050, in addition to 500 new miles of sidewalks, bikeways, and trails and \$250 million in complete streets roadway improvements.

Franklin Township believes the partnership with LinkUs will contribute to the revitalization of the community with both residential and commercial development. The township's role in relation to the West Broad Street project is to encourage continued transit-oriented initiatives that will address a need to the ever-growing Central Ohio area of safe and sustainable alternatives.

The West Broad Street BRT corridor project will make a transformational impact in central Ohio while advancing workforce development initiatives and promoting environmental stewardship in the area. LinkUs will afford the township residents opportunities to connect within the community improving their daily lives with the ability to access a transportation mode for work, school and medical appointments as examples.

Sincerely,

Steve Mazer, Administrator

