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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to acknowledge the Central Ohio Transit Authority's request for funding under the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grants Program for the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.

LinkUS is Central Ohio's comprehensive mobility initiative to help address growth, affordability and opportunity gaps in our community. Central Ohio is one of the fastest growing regions in the country and is on track to increase by 726,000 more residents over the next 25 years. That means we are expected to have 3.15 million residents in Central Ohio by 2050.

The proposed West Broad Street BRT Corridor will run approximately 9.3 miles, through a combination of dedicated lanes and mixed traffic, along West Broad Street through Franklin County, connecting Prairie Township, Franklin Township, Hilltop, and Franklinton to downtown Columbus. Rapid transit will expand access and enhance mobility for corridor residents as well as the thousands of people working within the corridor.

ODOT is committed to working collaboratively with COTA on developing the West Broad Street BRT Corridor to benefit Central Ohio.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Jack Marchbanks".

Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D.
Director

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