

September 22, 2023

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,

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield OH Medicaid is pleased to support of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) request for funding under the Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to conduct comprehensive capacity, economic, and market analysis as well as resource and policy recommendations for the remaining transit stations along the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Should this award be granted, the funding would positively impact health outcomes and wellbeing of the community.

Transportation is vital to the health and wellness of a community. Improving access to reliable and safe transportation can reduce the barriers Ohioans face accessing health care, employment, or other health related social needs. This proposal aligns with the Anthem BCBS whole health approach to address health equity among Ohioans, including communities of color, through innovation and collaboration to address the social drivers of health.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid Ohio supports COTAs transformative application for this funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

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