



**Licking County  
Transportation Improvement District**

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February 23, 2023

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

RE: Letter of local support – City of Heath, Thornwood Corridor

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

The Licking County Transportation Improvement District (LCTID) is pleased to provide a letter of support for the City of Heath's RAISE Grant application. Funding for this project will support needed safety improvements, mobility, community connectivity, and economic development competitiveness and opportunities.

The City of Heath has been working in collaboratively with the City of Newark, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Licking County Area Transportation Study, and the Licking County Transportation Improvement District to upgrade this essential corridor.

The corridor is an important north-south connector in Licking County, at its peak performance this corridor will provide transit for people and billions of dollars of goods from surrounding businesses.

Thank you for considering this project application for FY 2023 RAISE grant funding. The LCTID appreciates the opportunity to support the City of Heath in their efforts to complete this project. We ask for your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Flowers", is written over a white background.

Duane Flowers  
Chairman