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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

**Re: Support for the Williams Road Multimodal Corridor Planning RAISE Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of CSX Transportation, please note our support for the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) RAISE planning grant application for the Williams Road Corridor Plan. This project was designated a Project of Merit during the FY 2022 RAISE Round.

Williams Road is located adjacent to our largest freight classification yard in Central Ohio, Parsons Yard. The current roadway is a key freight corridor, but significant improvements are required to ensure the roadway can safely support the corridor's projected growth.

This planning grant will also include review of a grade separation over active freight rail lines and the elimination of at-grade, public crossings, achieving national goals established by the USDOT to reduce the overall number of at-grade, public crossings and improving public safety.

We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

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VP Government Affairs

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Sr. Director Design & Construction