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October 18, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20509

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the City of Madison's application for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation. Awarded funding would help to support planning efforts for the Perry Street Overpass project, a key component within the City's strategy to revitalize the South Madison community and address longstanding infrastructure needs.

The proposed Perry Street bridge over US Highways 12/14/18/151 would reconnect Perry Street, which was split with the construction of the Beltline Highway. The overpass would connect Madison and Dane County's most diverse neighborhoods with an employment area to the south that is currently isolated by limited-access highways to the north and east, as well as a major highway interchange to the northwest. The Perry Street overpass would not only increase access to employment for many of the City's residents, but also enhance bicycle and pedestrian access, all while allowing the City to extend transit service more easily to the area in the future.

I strongly support proposals that will equitably improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure, benefiting our economy and helping to increase opportunities for our residents and our communities at large. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the City of Madison's RCN application. Please keep my office updated on the progress of this application by email at [projects\\_grants@baldwin.senate.gov](mailto:projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator