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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to express my strong support for the City of Idaho Springs in their pursuit of a RAISE 2023 Planning grant to construct a mobility hub at exit 240 of Interstate 70. The project will include redevelopment of the transportation infrastructure in the City's Historic Downtown Commercial District, ensuring that it remains resilient, safe, and accessible. The Colorado Department of Transportation is supporting the City of Idaho Springs and other stakeholders to advance planning and ultimately construction of this important mobility project.

The Idaho Springs Mobility Hub will center regional mass transit service offered by the Colorado Department of Transportation I-70 Corridor Mobility Hub Network, the Clear Creek County Intracounty Roundabout bus service, and private transit services. The mobility hub will also feature spaces for clean energy vehicles to charge. The mobility hub in Idaho Springs is identified in CDOT's 10-year vision of capital improvements for the state transportation system.

This project would also address historic impacts related to the construction of Interstate 70 in the City. The new roundabout will ease driver deceleration as they exit the high-speed interstate and enter the low-speed residential and commercial areas of downtown Idaho Springs as well as improving access to the City's Historic Commercial District. Miner Street will be entirely reconfigured into a shared street and will provide a better pedestrian and bicycling environment with improved gathering spaces and improving capacity for deliveries to local businesses.

I ask for full and fair consideration of the City of Idaho Springs application to the RAISE Planning Grant. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Neguse".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress