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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program - Quad Cities, IA/IL, Kewanee and Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan(s)

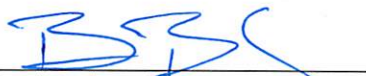
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing to offer our full support of Bi-State Regional Commission's application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant Request. The City of Muscatine is one of the micropolitan areas with the region supported by Bi-State. As a "rural" community with a population under 25,000 it is often difficult for a city of our size to compete in large-scale grant applications and projects. With the cooperation of great organizations like the Bi-State Regional Commission, we are able to participate and benefit from the over-arching goals that all of our member communities share.

As a small community, Muscatine currently does not have any plans that meet the qualifications of the Action Plan necessary for an Implementation Grant. We also do not have the staff available to draft such a plan and then apply for a grant. By leveraging our membership with the Bi-State Regional Commission, we are hopeful that we will all receive funding that can be used to create an Action Plan that can be used for us to draft implementation grants for larger communities in the MPO as well as the micropolitan communities that deal with the same traffic safety issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. An Action Plan will allow us to apply for funding for projects that will provide a more livable, walkable, safe, community.

Sincerely,


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Mayor
City of Muscatine, Iowa


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City Administrator
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