

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We write to express our support for the application submitted by the City of Minot and Ward County, North Dakota to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Thank you for your consideration.

The roadways of southern Minot are uniquely situated, with three of the state's eight U.S. Highways converging in the area. Due to the region's significant growth over the past twenty years, this system is no longer able to adequately meet the needs of residents and businesses.

With the opening of the new Trinity Hospital campus, emergency services will require alternative routes in and around the city. It is important to note this hospital serves as the region's only Level II Trauma center, supporting 11 rural hospitals, as well as the Fort Berthold and Turtle Mountain Indian Reservations. The U.S. Air Force is also in the process of modernizing nearby facilities and missile sites in support of the 91st Missile Wing and 5th Bomb Wing nuclear missions, which are critical to our national security.

The City and County will use this funding to develop alternative routes enabling heavy freight to bypass Minot's urban core. Doing so will reduce congestion on the existing U.S. Highway network and create separation between trucks and passenger vehicles to improve traveler safety. At the same time, these investments will provide better access for emergency services, while supporting the continued growth of Minot Air Force Base operations.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer
U.S. Senator



Julie Fedorchak
Member of Congress