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September 8, 2023

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

Re: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation Grant
Application for the Climate Resilience Stormwater Mitigation Project in Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation grant application for the Climate Resilience Stormwater Mitigation Project in Moorhead, Minnesota. This project is locally led by the City of Moorhead. The project will allow Moorhead to begin resilience improvements to address roads that remain at high risk of flooding and deterioration and needs identified in the Moorhead Climate Change Resiliency Planning report and Clay County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project includes storm sewer replacement and road construction along three roadways in the southern portion of Moorhead in response to historical, extreme rainfall events and future rainfall modeling, which indicate an immediate need. The storm sewer expansion will accommodate two lift stations situated along the Red River and extend east toward US Highway 75. The project also includes roadway reconstruction to ensure future transportation resiliency. Future project phases will allow Moorhead to pursue additional storm sewer and resiliency-based upgrades after the most critical flooding threats have been addressed. The project will benefit Moorhead residents, businesses, vulnerable neighborhoods and travelers from neighboring Fargo, North Dakota and across the state who utilize US Highways 10 and 75.

Currently, the total project cost estimate is \$23 million. The City of Moorhead has identified \$11 million for this project. It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction in 2024.

MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with the City of Moorhead as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, City of Moorhead
Shiloh Wahl, District Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation

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