

City of Owensboro Kentucky

Mayor
THOMAS H. WATSON

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June 22, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviess County, KY. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade. Many commercial businesses have been attracted to this corridor since it is one of the last suitable places to build, beyond the Ohio River floodplain. The other highly developed route in Owensboro, US 431 (Frederica St.), is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues which will push any new development to this KY 54 corridor. There is also open land along this route and the east side of Daviess County that is prime for development for the coming decades. Continued development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years, that trend is expected to continue. Safety is also a concern in the area, as rear end collisions are common in the corridor.

The RAISE funds will allow Daviess County to implement a roadway project that will address congestion, safety, multimodal concerns, and connectivity. The KY 54 project will construct a revised corridor configuration which will improve safety for motorists and all corridor users. The addition of shared-use-paths will provide safer connectivity for pedestrians and cyclist to commercial areas and neighborhoods. The reconstructed corridor will also improve access and connectivity to Daviess County, the City of Whitesville, and many other communities providing critical access to healthcare, retail and education opportunities.

This award of this RAISE grant is critical to transforming the KY 54 corridor, improving safety, efficiency, and multimodal access. We appreciate your consideration of this grant and encourage the USDOT's full support of the KY 54 2021 RAISE Grant Application.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Watson
Mayor



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTATION CABINET
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Andy Beshear
GOVERNOR

Jim Gray
SECRETARY

July 9, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) application submitted by the Daviess County Fiscal Court for the project to make improvements to KY 54 from the US 60 Bypass to Thruston-Dermont Road in Owensboro, Kentucky. This project will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity between the City of Owensboro and rural communities in this area of western Kentucky.

This project includes widening an existing 5-lane roadway to a 6-lane roadway with a raised, non-traversable median. Doing so will help reduce the disproportionate number of injury collisions that have resulted from traffic turning left from the center lane. A shared-use path will also be constructed to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic through the area. Daviess County has been working to promote an active transportation network, and this project will tie into the City of Owensboro's 15-mile trail network and the parking area in the Adkisson Greenbelt Park. Additionally, KY 54 provides access to jobs, healthcare, and educational opportunities in the region. This project will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity and improve the economic future of the area by providing better access for nearby rural communities.

KYTC has worked with local stakeholders to advance this project and will continue to do so if this project is awarded a RAISE grant. In addition to the state funding that will be provided to complete the reconstruction activities, KYTC is willing to dedicate experienced project management, engineering, and support staff to directly administer the project through its completion.

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Thank you for your consideration of Daviess County's RAISE application for the KY 54 safety and mobility project.

Sincerely,



Jim Gray
Secretary



KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State Capitol Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 502-564-8100

July 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As members of the Kentucky House of Representatives who serve portions of Daviess County, we are writing in support of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) application submitted by the Daviess County Fiscal Court for the project to make improvements to KY 54 from the US 60 Bypass to Thruston-Dermont Road in Owensboro, Kentucky. This project will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity between the city of Owensboro and rural communities in the area.

The first section of this project includes widening an existing 5-lane section to a 6-lane section with a raised, non-traversable median that will help to reduce the disproportionate number of injury collisions as a result of eliminating left turns at unsignalized intersections. A shared-use path will also be constructed to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation. The second section of the project constructs a shared-use path along the existing 5-lane roadway and adds right turn lanes where needed. Daviess County continues to become more active, especially in cycling as the city of Owensboro expands its 15-mile trail network in the Adkisson Greenbelt Park. The proposed project will connect to this network and a parking area for the existing Greenbelt system.

KY 54 is a vital route that provides access to jobs, healthcare, and educational opportunities. This project will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity and improve the economic future of the area by providing better access for rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration of Daviess County's RAISE application for this project to support rural development in western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne Miles
State Representative, 7th District

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Jonathan Dixon
State Representative, 11th District

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DJ Johnson
State Representative, 13th District

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Jim Gooch
State Representative, 12th District

Handwritten signature of Scott Lewis in cursive.

Scott Lewis
State Representative, 14th District

Commonwealth of Kentucky

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JIM GOOCH, JR.
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July 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Daviess County Fiscal Court's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) application. If approved, the funds will be used to make improvements to KY 54 from the US 60 Bypass to Thruston-Dermont Road in Owensboro, Kentucky.

The project will include widening an existing five-lane section to a six-lane section, which will help reduce injury collisions. A shared-use path will also be constructed to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles. Daviess County continues to become more active, especially in cycling, as Owensboro expands its 15-mile trail network in the Adkisson Greenbelt Park. The proposed project will connect to this network and a parking area for the existing Greenbelt system.

KY 54 is a vital route, providing access to jobs, healthcare, and educational opportunities. This project will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity and improve the economic future of the area by providing better access for rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration of Daviess County's RAISE application for this project to support rural development in Western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Jim Gooch, Jr.
State Representative

JG/mcb

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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SCOTT LEWIS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

July 2, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Thank you for your consideration of Daviess County's RAISE application for this project to support rural development in western Kentucky.

Sincerely,



Scott Lewis
State Representative



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STATE SENATE

July 6, 2021

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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Thank you for your consideration of Daviess County's RAISE application for this project to support rural development in western Kentucky. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (270) 314-9343 or at my office in Frankfort at (502) 564-8100.

Sincerely,

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Matt Castlen
State Senator
8th District

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July 06, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviess County, KY. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade. Many commercial businesses have been attracted to this corridor since it is one of the last suitable places to build, beyond the Ohio River floodplain. The other highly developed route in Owensboro, US 431 (Frederica St.), is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues which will push any new development to this KY 54 corridor. There is also open land along this route and the east side of Daviess County that is prime for development for the coming decades. Continued development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years, that trend is expected to continue. Safety is also a concern in the area, as rear end collisions are common in the corridor.

The current traffic patterns on KY 54 contribute to congestion that continually hinders ambulance response times. This delay prevents EMT's and Paramedic's from rendering aid to patients needing life-saving interventions. These precious seconds can make the difference in someone experiencing a positive or negative outcome during a life threatening event.

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This award of this RAISE grant is critical to transforming the KY 54 corridor, improving safety, efficiency, and multimodal access. We appreciate your consideration of this grant and encourage the USDOT's full support of the KY 54 2021 RAISE Grant Application.

Sincerely,

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Brian K. Short
Director of Operations



Daviness County Fire Department

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviness County, KY. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade. Many commercial businesses have been attracted to this corridor since it is one of the last suitable places to build, beyond the Ohio River floodplain. The other highly developed route in Owensboro, US 431 (Frederica St.), is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues which will push any new development to this KY 54 corridor. There is also open land along this route and the east side of Daviness County that is prime for development for the coming decades. Continued development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years, that trend is expected to continue.

Safety is also a concern in the area, as rear end collisions are common in the corridor. One of the biggest issues we face is trying to navigate traffic as we respond from our KY 54 fire station to emergency calls up and down this corridor. We make several calls a day down this stretch of highway and it continues to get more cumbersome each day. In rush hour congestion we have been forced to enter on-coming traffic lanes to respond to calls. Every second counts when you are responding to an emergency which is why this project is of utmost importance.

The RAISE funds will allow Daviness County to implement a roadway project that will address congestion, safety, multimodal concerns, and connectivity. The KY 54 project will construct a revised corridor configuration which will improve safety for motorists and all corridor users. The addition of shared-use-paths will provide safer connectivity for pedestrians and cyclist to commercial areas and neighborhoods. The reconstructed corridor will also improve access and connectivity to Daviness County, the City of Whitesville, and many other communities providing critical access to healthcare, retail and education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Fire Chief
Jeremy Smith
Daviness County Fire Department



Daviness County Public Schools

July 12, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviness County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Daviness County Public Schools district, I am writing to demonstrate our support of the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviness County, Kentucky. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade – a trend that is projected to continue in the immediate and far-reaching future.

Corresponding traffic congestion has and will continue to increase, creating safety concerns that are especially worrisome as this corridor and the area immediately surrounding it encompasses three elementary schools (Country Heights, Highland and Meadow Lands) with a large middle school under construction (Daviness County Middle School, projected to open August 2022). Total student enrollment in these four schools will exceed 2,300 (grades P-8). In addition to routine transportation of students, we are concerned about speed of access challenges facing first responders in the event of an emergency.

The Kentucky 54 area on the eastern side of Daviness County offers an abundance of open land that is prime for development for the coming decades. In addition to addressing traffic and safety concerns, the proposed project will ensure that the KY 54 area is developed in a strategic and efficient manner, benefiting economic growth while also enhancing the quality of life in our community through the development of shared-use paths connecting pedestrians and cyclists to commercial areas and neighborhoods.

We appreciate your consideration of this visionary plan and encourage the USDOT's wholehearted support of the KY 54 2021 RAISE Grant Application as submitted by Daviness County Fiscal Court. This is a legacy project that will benefit the entire Daviness County community and surrounding region both immediately and for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted –

J. Matthew Robbins
Superintendent
Daviness County Public Schools
"Kids First!"



Greater Owensboro

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July 12, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviess County, KY. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade. Many commercial businesses have been attracted to this corridor; beyond the Ohio River floodplain it is one of the last suitable places to develop.

US 431 (Frederica St.), is the other highly developed route in Owensboro, KY. It is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues, which will continue to push any new development to this KY 54 corridor. There is land located along this route and on the east side of Daviess County that is prime for development in the coming decades. Continued development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years and safety concerns, as rear end collisions are common.

The RAISE funds will allow Daviess County to implement a roadway project that will address congestion, safety, multimodal concerns, and connectivity. The KY 54 project will construct a revised corridor configuration which will improve safety for motorists and all corridor users. The addition of shared-use-paths will provide safer connectivity for pedestrians and cyclist to commercial areas and neighborhoods. The reconstructed corridor will also improve access and connectivity to Daviess County, the City of Whitesville, and many other communities providing critical access to healthcare, retail and education opportunities.

This award of this RAISE grant is critical to transforming the KY 54 corridor, improving safety, efficiency, and multimodal access. We appreciate your consideration of this grant and encourage the USDOT's full support of the KY 54 2021 RAISE Grant Application.

Sincerely,

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Brittaney Johnson
Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
President/CEO



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July 12, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County, KY Highway 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter of support for the Fiscal Year 2021 RAISE Grant for the upgrade of Kentucky Highway 54. The corridor served by KY 54 has experienced fast-paced growth within the past decade. Commercial business have been attracted to this corridor since it is one of the last suitable places to build, beyond the Ohio River floodplain. The development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years. That trend is expected to continue. Safety is also a concern in the area, as rear end collisions are common in the corridor.

Our community's other highly developed route, US 431 (Frederica Street), is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues which will result in pushing continued development to the KY 54 corridor. In addition, there is open land along 54 route and the east side of Daviess County that is prime for development for the coming decades.

The RAISE funds will allow Daviess County to implement a roadway project that will address congestion, safety, multimodal concerns, and connectivity by constructing a revised corridor configuration which will improve safety for motorists and all corridor users. The addition of shared-use-paths will provide safer connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists to commercial areas and neighborhoods. The reconstructed corridor will also improve access and connectivity to Daviess County, the City of Owensboro, the City of Whitesville, and many other communities providing critical access to healthcare, retail and education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Candance Castlen Brake
President and CEO



June 15, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Sincerely,

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Mark Marsh
President and CEO
Owensboro Health



HERITAGE
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

Education for Life

June 25, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590
RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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This improved roadway will positively and significantly affect the 120+ families of Heritage Christian School who travel at least twice a day to our school at the peak heavy traffic times. The added efficiency will allow parents to get their children to school in a timely manner and themselves to work in a timely manner. This year our school has its highest enrollment to date which translates into more vehicles on our roadways, using primarily KY 54 to travel to HCS.

This award of this RAISE grant is critical to transforming the KY 54 corridor, improving safety, efficiency, and multimodal access. We appreciate your consideration of this grant and encourage the USDOT's full support of the KY 54 2021 RAISE Grant Application.

Sincerely,

Tracy Ladd
Administrator
Heritage Christian School



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July 12, 2021

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United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely,

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Jimmy Staton
President & CEO



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Developers • Builders

July 12, 2021

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

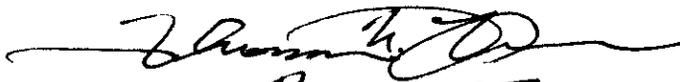
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Sincerely,



PRESIDENT

July 12, 2021

William D. Jones
Residential/Commercial Real Estate Developer
Restaurant Owner
1828 Bonnie Castle Dr
Owensboro, KY 42301

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Daviess County KY 54 RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the project for a FY 2021 RAISE Grant to improve KY 54 in Daviess County, KY. The corridor has experienced tremendous growth within the past decade. I was a co-developer and home builder of Lake Forest, a 200 acre planned community, containing over 400 single family homes and a 20 acre commercial area, located along the KY 54 corridor. During the years of development and recent completion of the Lake Forest project, many commercial businesses have been attracted to this corridor since it is one of the last suitable places to build, beyond the Ohio River floodplain. In fact, I developed an approximately 22,000 square foot shopping center in the Lake Forest Town Center and own a restaurant located in the center. The growth along the KY 54 corridor has been tremendous in a relatively short period of time, with no end in sight. The other highly developed route in Owensboro, US 431 (Frederica St.), is developed almost to capacity due to floodplain issues which will push any new development to this KY 54 corridor. There is also open land along this route and the east side of Daviess County that is prime for development for the coming decades. Continued development in this corridor has increased traffic congestion in recent years, that trend is expected to continue. Safety is also a concern in the area, as rear end collisions are common in the corridor.

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Sincerely,

William D. Jones, Residential/Commercial Real Estate Developer