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Secretary Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Oglala Sioux Tribe Planning Grant (RAISE) 2021

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) I would like to call your attention to the 2021 RAISE Planning Grant application of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

This application seeks to improve public safety, encourage tourism, and support truck traffic by reconstructing 20.7 miles of arterial transportation corridor of BIA Route 2 from Kyle, South Dakota to South Dakota Highway 44. The grant would cover the planning and preconstruction activities of this project.

Improving this road would restore a reliable route between the communities of Kyle and Wanblee. This would allow safer and more efficient connections for users who depend on the route for living wage employment, education, commerce, and daily needs.

The project terminates at SD Highway 44. The SDDOT will coordinate with the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Department of Transportation (OSTDOT) on engineering plan reviews for the intersection with SD Highway 44. This will ensure that the intersection safety improvements and design comply with the SDDOT standards.

Please contact my department or office with any questions relating to this project. We are happy to provide any answers or additional information.

I encourage you to support and fund the Oglala Sioux Tribe's 2021 RAISE Planning Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Jundt".

Joel Jundt  
Secretary of Transportation