



August 7, 2023

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

**Re: Strong support for WisDOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write this as the Representative of the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District to convey my strong support for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application for the I-41 Project from Appleton to De Pere (hereafter referenced as the I-41 Project) to the U.S. Department of Transportation. This critical federal funding would allow WisDOT to reconstruct a 23-mile segment of I-41 connecting the Appleton Urbanized Area (230,967 population) with the Green Bay Urbanized Area (224,156 population).

I-41 serves as the primary connection between the Chicago area, Milwaukee, the Fox Cities, and Green Bay and plays a vital role in the transportation of goods and passengers throughout eastern Wisconsin and beyond. Reconstruction is needed in this area as the pavement and bridges along the corridor have reached the end of their useful life. This project will bridge the gap between existing 6-lane segments in Outagamie County and the recently constructed 6-lane segment in Brown County to provide a consistent 6-lane facility from south of Oshkosh through Green Bay.

This project will address operations and safety issues like constructing longer ramps at interchanges and eliminating the low-speed loop ramp at the WIS 441 system interchange while mitigating or improving environmental considerations like water quality, hazardous materials, and noise. Ponds will be constructed throughout the project to improve water quality, hazardous materials that have been identified at the WIS 15, WIS 441/County OO and County S interchanges will be properly reused or disposed of, and noise walls will be installed along the corridor where reasonable and feasible.



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A new I-41 interchange will also be constructed for Southbridge Road, which will allow for a future Fox River bridge crossing in De Pere to connect to I-41 and provide an easier connection between I-41 and I-43.

In conclusion, I strongly support WisDOT's effort to reconstruct the I-41 Project, which will provide a state of good repair while improving safety and operations.

Please give WisDOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant application for the I-41 Project the highest consideration for infrastructure funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Snodgrass".

Lee Snodgrass  
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