



March 14, 2022

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

Re: Letter of Support – Bayfield County Wisconsin application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR), we are pleased to submit this Letter of Support for Bayfield County, Wisconsin's application for a RAISE grant to help fund critical infrastructure needs.

This proposed project includes plans for reconstructing these roads to ensure they are usable in all seasons. Improvements include base improvements, surfacing, paved road edges and improved shoulders which will improve safety, rideability and all-season access in addition to electric vehicle charging stations.

This route is a vital connection between Barnes and Iron River and the rest of Bayfield County. The meals on wheels program uses this highway to deliver nutritious meals to their seniors throughout the County. Residents also utilize this highway to access healthcare and groceries, etc. Improving the condition of this highway ensures seniors have access to the care and nutrition they need to live a happy and healthy life.

This project's improvements are consistent with the RAISE program's goals and those of our organization. The proposed transportation improvements in this application will greatly improve safety, mobility, and rural economic growth in addition to having positive environmental and climate impacts by encouraging electric vehicle usage in Bayfield County.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Nick Musson

Nick Musson
Transportation Specialist
Older Americans Act Consultant
p. 608 228-8092
Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

