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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express support for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and their Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Regional Action Plan and Worcester's Main South Demonstration Project Grant Application. If awarded this grant, the CMRPC plans to use these funds to help the region and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to achieve an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries across all modes of transportation.

CMRPC is the home to the second most populous city in New England, and served by major roads and highways that experience high crashes volumes, resulting in instances of serious injury and death. The conditions of these major roadways are what cause less than favorable driving behavior as well as unwanted accidents and devastation. High crash volumes have long-lasting effects on our region's quality of life and individual's well-being.

The City of Worcester was previously awarded SS4A grant funding for the development of an action plan and is now pursuing continued funding for a demonstration project in the City of Worcester's Main South community. This demonstration project would help the CMRPC to analyze the benefits of projects resulting from action plans that may be replicated in other CMRPC communities. Moreover, both the regional action plan and the demonstration project align with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) statewide safety vision. For these reasons, I support the CMRPC's pursuance of a SS4A Action Plan and agree to work with the CMRPC as needed to produce a strong, effective, and diverse plan. It is of the highest priority to bolster the safety of my residents across the region and state. The need for a streamlined analysis and approach to achieving reduced crash volumes, and eventually zero fatalities and serious injuries is vital.

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This SS4A grant would offer much needed assistance to the CMRPC. I respectfully request your full and fair consideration for this application which will provide the region and the rest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the tools necessary to ensure a safer environment for future generations. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator