



RUSSELL MAIN STREET, INC.

Friday, June 25, 2021

Re: RAISE – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

The Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Russell Main Street, Inc. has been informed the City of Russell, Kansas is applying for the RAISE Grant. On behalf of Russell Main Street, Inc. I am in support of the grant application for transportation infrastructure improvements by the City of Russell, Kansas. The need for improvements of streets and sidewalks in the City of Russell is evident throughout the entire community due to sidewalks and streets falling into major disrepair.

Russell Main Street, Inc. is an organization dedicated to Downtown Russell as well as the community. We strive to support a healthy environment for our community and our visitors. The walk-ability of Russell specifically Downtown Russell is currently very poor. We currently are dealing with extremely long crosswalks in Downtown Russell, which put pedestrians at risk while crossing the street. Downtown is used as a corridor for many events; it also is utilized by many children walking to and from school, the public library, parks, etc. The RAISE grant would allow for our community to reduce the potential risk for pedestrians by revamping the crosswalks to provide a shorter distance for pedestrians to cross and increase visibility for vehicle operators. Additionally, the RAISE Grant would allow the City of Russell to create multiple modes of safe transportation for our community members to access businesses, governmental services, medical services, etc.

It is our hope at Russell Main Street, Inc. that the City of Russell will be able to move forward with their transportation reconstruction plan. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Russell Main Street, Inc. is dedicated to the renovation, economic growth, business recruitment and retention, and maintenance of a vibrant downtown district.