



APPENDIX F

Letters of Support

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1304

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing regarding the City of Chicago's application for Safe Streets and Roads for All funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project.

This project will provide safe and walkable streets that foster community and economic growth. This effort will support the City's initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces, and quality-of-life amenities for local residents.

The Humboldt Park community is identified as a High Crash Area through the City's original Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan. IDOT's Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment identifies North Avenue as part of a crash cluster ranked 7th highest in the City of Chicago as well as in Illinois. The Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project will enhance safety between Kedzie Avenue and Kostner through proven countermeasures such as implementing signal modifications, adding left turn arrows and leading pedestrian intervals, as well as potentially adding curb extensions and bus bulbs where feasible. This will improve safety and comfort for pedestrians and transit riders. Additional safety measures include improving ADA accessibility, installing raised crosswalks across minor streets, and extending the bike lanes on North Avenue to the western half of the corridor.

Beyond its safety benefits, this project will re-activate the neighborhood core of a community within USDOT Disadvantaged Census Tracts. North Avenue serves as a critical connector for residents to access transit and major commercial areas, schools, hospitals, and parks.

Please give full and fair consideration to City of Chicago's application. If you require additional information, please contact my State Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

United States Senate

May 10, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Chicago's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Safe Streets and Roads for All* (SS4A) program. Funding from this program will enable the city to continue the North Avenue Corridor Improvements Project in the Humboldt Park neighborhood.

The Humboldt Park community is identified as a High Crash Area through the City's original Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan. The Illinois Department of Transportation's Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment identifies North Avenue as part of a crash cluster ranked 7th highest in the City of Chicago as well as in Illinois. Located in Humboldt Park, the North Avenue Corridor Improvements Project aims to enhance safety through proven countermeasures such as implementing signal modifications, including adding left turn arrows and leading pedestrian intervals, as well as potentially adding curb extensions and bus bulbs where feasible. This will improve safety and comfort for pedestrians and transit riders. Additional safety treatments include, but are not limited to, improving ADA accessibility, installing raised crosswalks across minor streets and extending the bike lanes on North Avenue to the western half of the corridor.

As a U.S. Senator and member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, I have made it a priority to modernize Illinois transportation and infrastructure systems in addition to promoting safety. I believe this project aligns with the core goals of the SS4A program to help communities that have significant local or regional impact while improving safety and equity.

Please accept this letter of support for City of Chicago's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Safe Streets and Roads for All* (SS4A) program. In keeping with your existing rules and regulations, I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my Chicago Director, Stacey Berdejo at (312) 886-2525.

Sincerely,



Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator

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MEMBER OF CONGRESS
3RD DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 13, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the City of Chicago's application for federal funding through the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. It is my understanding that if selected, the City of Chicago will use the funds for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project which will provide safe, walkable, attractive streets that foster community and economic growth in IL-03.

It is my understanding that the Humboldt Park community is identified as a High Crash Area through the City's original Vision Zero Chicago Action Plan. IDOT's Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment identifies North Avenue as part of a crash cluster ranked 7th highest in the City of Chicago as well as in Illinois. I understand that the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project aims to enhance safety between Kedzie Avenue and Kostner through proven countermeasures such as implementing signal modifications, including adding left turn arrows and leading pedestrian intervals, as well as potentially adding curb extensions and bus bulbs where feasible. I understand this will improve safety and comfort for pedestrians and transit riders. Additional safety treatments include, but are not limited to, improving ADA accessibility, installing raised crosswalks across minor streets, and extending the bike lanes on North Avenue to the western half of the corridor.

I urge the US Department of Transportation to give full and fair consideration consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations to the City of Chicago's application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program to provide funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project. If you have any questions, please reach out to my office at 773-799-8219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delia C. Ramirez".

Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress - 3rd District of Illinois

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May 8, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Chicago's application for *Safe Streets and Roads for All* (SS4A) funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project. The project will provide safe, walkable, attractive streets that foster community and economic growth. This effort will support the City's initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces, and quality-of-life amenities for local residents.

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Beyond its safety benefits, this project will re-activate the neighborhood core of the community within USDOT Disadvantaged Census Tracts. North Avenue serves as a critical connector for residents to access transit and major commercial areas, schools, hospitals, and parks. As the 26th Ward Alderperson, investment in the North Avenue Corridor is my priority because it is the spine of the Ward. The corridor connects many neighborhoods and offers an abundance of economic development opportunities.

We thank you for your careful review of this application and urge you to provide *Safe Streets and Roads for All* funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Projects.

Sincerely,

Jessie Fuentes
26th Ward Alderperson

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May 6, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Chicago's application for *Safe Streets and Roads for All* (SS4A) funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project. The project will provide safe, walkable, attractive streets that foster community and economic growth. This effort will support the City's initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces, and quality-of-life amenities for residents.

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We thank you for your careful review of this application and urge you to provide *Safe Streets and Roads for All* funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project.

Sincerely,

Emma Mitts
Alderman, 37th Ward



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May 9, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is pleased to support Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project. This project will provide safe, walkable, attractive streets that foster community and economic growth.

As the comprehensive regional planning organization of northeastern Illinois, CMAP is committed to supporting initiatives that will improve traffic safety throughout the region in a comprehensive, equitable, data-informed and collaborative way. In ON TO 2050, the comprehensive plan for northeastern Illinois, CMAP [recommends improving traffic safety](#) and has adopted the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program, which provides a framework for safety research and programs to make northeastern Illinois safer for all travelers. This project is aligned with CMAP's travel safety goals and recommendations for the region.

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Once again, CMAP is supportive of CDOT's application for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project. This project will improve safety for all travelers in one of the region's highest crash clusters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Aleman', with a long, sweeping underline.

Erin Aleman
Executive Director

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Our volunteer-led organization, Humboldt Park Solidarity Network (HPSN), is located on North Avenue. Many of HPSN's volunteers have witnessed crashes not far from our storefront. For both neighbors coming to receive resources, and volunteers in transit to and from our space, North Avenue does pose a safety risk, especially for those with disabilities. The opportunity for investment towards improving North Avenue aligns with our organization's values of accessibility, equity, and safety. For these reasons, the Humboldt Park Solidarity Network wholeheartedly supports the City of Chicago's application for *Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)* funding for Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project.

We thank you for your careful review of this application and urge you to provide *Safe Streets and Roads for All* funding for the Humboldt Park: North Ave Corridor Improvements Project.

Sincerely,

Angela Pauldine
Lead Volunteer, Humboldt Park Solidarity Network