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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
W84-22
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Gwinnett County Application for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

City of Loganville understands that the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation (DOT) intends to apply for planning and prototyping funding via the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program. This grant would enable Gwinnett DOT to use innovative, technology-based pedestrian safety solutions along Singleton Road, a multimodal corridor that has experienced several pedestrian incidents since 2018.

Gwinnett has become one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia, with more than one million residents and over 140 spoken languages. This growth has led to a steady increase in traffic volumes, creating a need to address safety, mobility, and operational concerns county-wide, particularly in low-income and minority communities such as the Singleton Road corridor. These types of communities are disproportionately affected by traffic safety concerns.

To help address these challenges, the County must seek innovative solutions, including new technologies and intelligent transportation systems, such as active pedestrian detection systems, enhanced transit delivery services, and connected vehicle technologies. These new technologies will also address traffic operations, mobility, and overall quality of life for all residents, visitors, and employees.

Gwinnett County has already embraced technological solutions in past planning efforts. The Countywide Master Plan and Connected Vehicle Technology Master Plan, as well as a previous Gwinnett County application for ITS4US, have all identified the potential for new technology to improve pedestrian safety.

Gwinnett has conducted extensive public outreach efforts to engage the community and gather feedback on safe and equitable solutions. The SMART grant will allow the County to update these plans with enhanced community outreach and identify new pedestrian safety technologies with prototype installation along Singleton Road.

City of Loganville is in full support of Gwinnett DOT's pursuit of SMART funding to cover the cost of these efforts to improve safety, mobility, and operations in Gwinnett County. The City of Loganville, with a population of 14,127 per the 2020 Census, is part of the Atlanta Metropolitan area and is located within Walton & Gwinnett counties.

We feel that exploring new technology to improve transportation safety and accessibility will provide greater access to multimodal options for all and allow Gwinnett County to continue to be an attractive place for residents and businesses.

If you have any questions, please contact @ sbaliles@loganville-ga.gov or 770-466-1165

Sincerely,

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