

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20002-3660

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

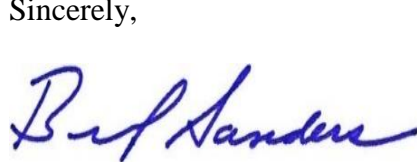
We write to express our support for the Town of Killington's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant (CDFR# 20.933). We are pleased to bring this proposal to your attention.

With the requested funding, the Town of Killington will transform Killington Road from an auto-oriented thoroughfare to a multimodal street that is safer and better adapted for walking, biking, and public transit. Located in rural central Vermont, the Town of Killington has 1,500 year-round residents. During the winter months, the population grows to over 15,000 as people come to enjoy Killington Ski Resort, the largest in the eastern United States and the second largest employer in the region. The accompanying increase in traffic puts significant pressure on Killington Road, which runs through as the town's primary commercial center and carries approximately 5,300 vehicles per day.

The Killington Road Reconstruction Project is an important element of the Killington Forward Initiative, a comprehensive plan to develop a ski village at the base of the Killington Ski Resort and over 200 units of affordable and workforce housing. The project will enhance overall traffic operations, safety, multimodal accessibility, and stormwater management. Key components include construction of a roundabout at a major intersection to reduce travelling speeds as well as the potential for head-on and broadside crashes; the creation of a multi-use path and sidewalk to protect cyclists and take pedestrians off the road; bus pullouts and shelters; and enhanced lighting, landscaping, signage, and pedestrian crosswalks. The project is crucial to meeting the demands of a growing ski village and the future and safety of the town's residents and will be transformative for both the town and region.

Thank you for giving this application the careful consideration it deserves. If we can provide further evidence of our support for this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator



PETER WELCH
United States Senator



BECCA BALINT
United States Congresswoman