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### Letters of Support

This project is widely supported. Additional letters of support will be posted online as they are received, with the rest of the application materials at <https://bronzvillemoves.com>

#### Elected Officials

- U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown
- U.S. Congressman Mike Carey
- State Senator Bill DeMora
- State Representative Dontavius L. Jarrells
- State Representative Mary Lightbody
- State Representative Adam Smith
- City of Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther
- Columbus City Council President Shannon G. Hardin
- Columbus City Council Member Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
- Franklin County Engineer Cornell Robertson, P.E., P.S.
- Franklin County Recorder Mr. Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.
- Franklin County Clerk of Courts Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

#### Agencies and Coalitions

- Central Ohio Hospital Council
- Central Ohio Transit Authority
- City of Columbus Recreation and Parks
- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
- Columbus Downtown Development Corporation
- Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Columbus Next Generation Corporation
- Columbus Public Health
- Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority
- Human Service Chamber of Franklin County
- Jefferson Avenue Center

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT)
- Transit Columbus
- United Way of Central Ohio
- Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio

#### Corporations and Private Business

- Columbia Gas
- Lyft
- MKSK
- Moody Nolan
- MurphyEpson
- Nationwide Realty Investors
- Planning Next
- Woda Cooper

#### Hospitals, Non-Profit Agencies, and Public Charities

- Action for Children
- Catholic Social Services
- Columbus Foundation
- Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Columbus Urban League
- Economic & Community Development Institute (ECDI)
- Future Ready Columbus
- Jewish Family Services
- The King Arts Complex
- Local Matters
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Netcare Access
- OhioHealth

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- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center East Hospital
- YMCA of Central Ohio

**Educational Institutions -**

- Columbus City Schools
- The Ohio State University

**Churches, Business Associations and Neighborhood Organizations**

- Bronzeville Neighborhood Association
- Second Baptist Church
- Shiloh Baptist Church

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510 - 3505

July 18, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to draw your attention to the application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program submitted by the City of Columbus, Ohio.

The City of Columbus' Bronzeville and Mt. Vernon Avenue project seeks to achieve much needed physical infrastructure improvements and fund multiple demonstration projects that would help the city implement its five-year Vision Zero Action. This project would support implementing street lighting upgrades, lane reallocation, speed reduction demonstration projects along the Broad Street corridor to reduce speeding and traffic accidents.

Additionally, this project would further ongoing efforts by the City of Columbus to reinvest in neighborhoods that were divided and adversely impacted by historic inequities in transportation planning including the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s. The city gained national recognition on the cover of the FY2017 USDOT Budget Highlights for its recent past work in this area, reconnecting these neighborhoods to downtown Columbus through the building of the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall.

As you consider applications for the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary program, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the application from the City of Columbus. Please keep my office updated on the status of this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,

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Mike Carey  
Member of Congress





# State Senator HEARCEL F. CRAIG

*Serving Ohio's 15th State Senate District*

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

July 10, 2023

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Hearcel F. Craig**  
Assistant Minority Leader  
State Senator – 15<sup>th</sup> District



## STATE SENATOR BILL DEMORA

### 25th District

July 5, 2023

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

#### **Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

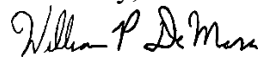
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Sincerely,

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William P. DeMora  
State Senator  
Ohio District 25

**Committees:**

Commerce and Labor  
Constitutional Resolutions  
Finance  
Financial Subcommittee on  
Higher Education, **Ranking Member**  
Insurance  
Rules and Reference

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**Representative Dontavius L. Jarrells**  
**Assistant Minority Leader**  
**Ohio House District 1**

July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,

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Dontavius L. Jarrells  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 1

#### 4<sup>th</sup> House District

Parts of NE Franklin County  
Including Gahanna, New Albany,  
Westerville, Columbus, Jefferson,  
Plain, and other area Townships



#### Committees

Agriculture  
Energy & Natural Resources  
Higher Education  
Pensions (Ranking Member)  
Primary & Secondary Education

### Representative Mary Lightbody 4<sup>th</sup> House District

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

July 7, 2023

Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of **the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A)** application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will go towards much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also supporting multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

I support Columbus' **goal of** building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets. Road safety is a legislative priority for me, and I am glad to support this worthwhile effort to enhance the safety of our streets for drivers and pedestrians who live in and travel through the Bronzeville/Mount Vernon area.

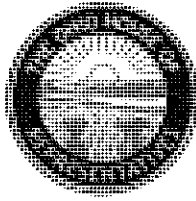
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A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of **the City of Columbus' application** and that the U.S. Department of **Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more** transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Lightbody".

Mary Lightbody  
State Representative, 4<sup>th</sup> House District



July 6th, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. Like you, I have seen first-hand how disadvantaged communities and neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding which will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements to restore these neighborhoods.

The grant will help execute various infrastructure improvements and multiple demonstration projects that will spur the implementation of the Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan. One of these projects, on Mt. Vernon Avenue, will help rectify traffic related fatalities, improve first responder response times, fund street light upgrades, and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

This project reinvests in communities that were devastated by past policies, particularly when highways destroyed vibrant African American Communities. Bronzeville dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when freed and escaped slaves began to settle in Columbus helping build the city's infrastructure and culture. These neighborhoods have begun restoring the connection to Downtown through the building of projects like the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall.

The SS4A grant will help continue the reinvestment and reinvention of these communities while making them safer. I respectfully request that the U.S Department of Transportation give this application every consideration.

Sincerely,

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Adam Miller  
State Representative



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 10, 2023  
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

### **Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my commitment and support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

My administration is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the Public Service Department began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

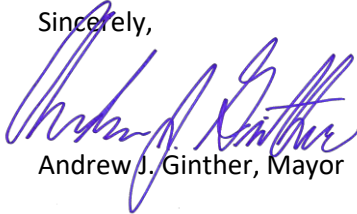
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Columbus remains committed to this community, and a SS4A grant will continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. I respectfully request that the U.S. Department of



Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. I urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor



July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Columbus City Council, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The City of Columbus and Columbus City Council are committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. As part of this vision, the City is undergoing a comprehensive zoning code update for the first time since the 1950's. We are preparing to invest in a transformative regional transportation network known as LinkUS, helping connect our communities and revitalize strategic corridors. These ongoing efforts will complement the SS4A funding and magnify its impact.

The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues our strategic reinvestment in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeds and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades, lane reallocation, and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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**CITY CLERK | ANDREA BLEVINS, CMC**

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The City of Columbus is prepared to implement and amplify the proposed plan. If my office or any other City Councilmember can be of assistance in your consideration, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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Shannon G. Hardin  
President  
Columbus City Council



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July 7, 2023

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Sincerely,



Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Member of Columbus City Council



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**CORNELL R. ROBERTSON, P.E., P.S.**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER**

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July 6, 2023

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Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the County Engineer of Ohio's most populous county, it is not only my responsibility, but my honor to provide for safe and efficient movement of people and goods from place to place. I understand the importance of a regional transportation system and work to build relationships with all surrounding communities to positively build upon the great work that is ongoing in our county. Therefore, I would like to express my strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application.

This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding for much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help the City of Columbus implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan. Reinvestment in this community, that was divided by the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 1970s, is ongoing and includes restoring the connection to downtown Columbus as part of the Phase 1 Columbus Crossroads improvements to I-70 and I-71. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project will reduce speeding and improve safety, will fund street lighting upgrades, lane reallocation, and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

An SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. For these reasons, I Cornell R. Robertson, am pleased to join in support and ask that you approve this request.

Sincerely,

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Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S.  
Franklin County Engineer



# Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.

## Franklin County Recorder

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July 5, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Franklin County Recorder's Office, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The Franklin County Recorder's Office is a government agency that handles the processing and storage of all public land records in Franklin County, Ohio. We have fewer than 50 employees who take on the important work of recording and archiving documents as well as providing excellent customer service to the residents of Franklin County. Despite our small size, we have brought in over \$7 million in revenue in the past few years due to the strength of the Columbus real estate market and the consistent growth and popularity of the Central Ohio region. Our agency houses land records from the conception of Franklin County in 1803 to the present, meaning we have primary source documents showing the impacts of red lining on the development of neighborhoods and communities in Franklin County.

Real estate records for the areas of Bronzeville and Mt. Vernon Avenue reflect the negative impact discriminatory lending practices have caused in the economic development and safety of this community. The proposed Safe Streets for All plan would help amend some of the safety issues in the area that were the unfortunate product of economic neglect in the community.



# Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.

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## Franklin County Recorder

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood roadways.

This project will reinvest in communities that were divided and adversely impacted by the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s. The physical and economic impact was felt beyond the streets and homes demolished by the construction. The fracturing of these communities contributed to a slow and precipitous decline until the 2000s, when the City and many community partners began to reinvest in these neighborhoods. Since 2010, these neighborhoods have received multiple grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including a nearly \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant in 2014. It is also where the City, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission restored the connection of these neighborhoods to downtown Columbus through the building of the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall as part of the Phase 1 Columbus Crossroads improvements to I-70 and I-71. This project was so significant that it was featured on the cover of the FY2017 USDOT Budget Highlights.

A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.





**The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy**  
**Franklin County Clerk of Courts**

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Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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July 10, 2023

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

Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application.

The Franklin County Clerk of Courts' Office employs approximately 200 full-time Deputy Clerks that serve in five divisions: Auto Title, Legal, Fiscal Services, Information Technology, and Administration. Four of those divisions are in seven different offices in the Franklin County Courthouse complex. The fifth, Auto Title, is in four branch offices throughout Franklin County. Each division is important to the Franklin County Clerk of Courts' two major functions: management of court documents and issuance of auto titles.

Ensuring that our employees live and work in a community that is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities is of great importance to me as an elected official. Before I was elected as the Clerk of Courts in 2008, I was a member of Columbus (Ohio) City Council and strongly advocated communities that were divided and adversely impacted by the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy  
Franklin County Clerk of Courts



July 6, 2023

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

Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

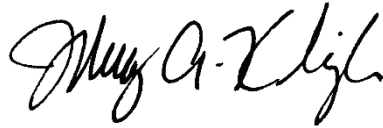
On behalf of the Central Ohio Hospital Council, I am writing this letter to express support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. COHC respectfully requests that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey A. Klingler  
President and CEO



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July 6th, 2023  
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal assistance and will help fund much-needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing opportunities for multiple demonstration projects for implementation of Columbus's Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

COTA is the Columbus region's mobility solutions provider, driven each day to connect people to prosperity through innovation, dedication, and teamwork. By utilizing technology and data, establishing community partnerships, and applying sustainability principles, COTA provides equitable access to jobs, healthcare, and education. We serve a region of more than 1.4 million people and provide fixed-route transit, paratransit, and microtransit service. COTA has been proud to be a partner in the Vision Zero Columbus initiative, the executive committee of which I continue to serve on. Its mission to eliminate traffic deaths is extremely important to our organization, because we know that safer streets make it safer for COTA riders to travel to and from our transit stops. We look forward to the completion of the sorely needed improvements along Mt. Vernon Avenue which our fixed-route vehicles on Lines 7, 9, 11, and 22, and thousands of riders use daily.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning.

The proposed project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. It will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets. All these upgrades will help COTA's transit-dependent customers to access the transit system safely during all times of the day.

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Sincerely,

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Joanna M. Pinkerton  
President/CEO  
Central Ohio Transit Authority

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cc: Patrick Harris, VP, External Relations, COTA  
Kim Sharp, Sr. Director, Development, COTA  
Garth Weithman, Chief of Staff, COTA





July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding, and will help provide much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Our Department works hand in hand with our Department of Public Service on mobility projects such as this, especially in the underserved areas such as Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon where the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is in an urgent state of need. To date, we've completed over 8 significant projects in the just the last 3 years with Public Service on gaining access to parks, schools, jobs, and key lifestyle destinations for our residents. We're currently combining efforts on several transformative plans that would dovetail with the Bronzeville/Mt Vernon corridor. This kind of mutual departmental collaboration provides a substantial boost to the amount of people who live along and within a few minutes walkshed of this corridor. This is a project where targeted federal funds would be a huge catalyst to a much wider reach of connectivity improvements in the Near East side of Columbus.

A SS4A grant is a necessary, timely, and powerful tool to continue the highly recognized momentum and provide for increased safety for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. We urge the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, and help fund our collective implementation plan to create more transportation opportunities within it.

Respectfully,

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Brad Westall, ASLA  
Planning Manager/Parks and Greenways





July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District ("Metro Parks"), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

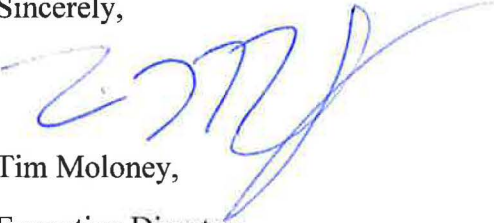
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transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Tim Moloney,

Executive Director

# COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION & CAPITOL SOUTH

July 6, 2023

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

## **Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

CDDC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission to revitalize Downtown Columbus, the economic engine for Columbus and the region. Our Downtown boundaries are physically defined by interstates ringing the city center; 670 on the north, 71 on the east, 70 on the south and the CSX Railroad tracks to the west. While a rising tide lifts all boats, the massive infrastructure encircling Downtown has minimized the amount adjacent neighborhoods have been able to benefit from Downtown's revitalization since 2002. In 2022, we engaged with residents as part of a master planning process for Downtown Columbus and the requests from the community are clear – enhance equity, cultivate walkability and create connectivity through and to Downtown Columbus. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets project would be a critical step in creating a more connected, inclusive Columbus, where everyone has the opportunity to share in Downtown's prosperity.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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Sincerely,

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Greg Davies, CEO, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation



**COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN  
HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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July \_\_, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

CMHA's mission is to help people access affordable housing and needed social services through creative partnership. We administer 13,500 federal Housing Choice Vouchers and own over 4,500 units of housing within the City of Columbus and Franklin County. One of the keys to the accessibility of our housing is high-quality transportation options in and around our properties. The SS4A grant will help us as we continue to deliver on our mission.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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CMHA has leveraged federal funds to invest in this neighborhood since the 1940s. The above-mentioned Choice Neighborhoods grant paved the way for the redevelopment of 450 new, mixed-income units at the site of our first Public Housing property. Since 2015 CMHA has fully renovated three other communities, totaling 352 units, in the neighborhood through HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration program. CMHA has also leveraged the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program to construct three phases of the Scholar House model for residents who want to attend college. CMHA residents in all of these developments would greatly benefit from infrastructure improvements to this historic community.

A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Scott Scharlach  
Chief Operating Officer



July 5, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Columbus Next Generation Corporation (Next Gen), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Next Gen is a non-profit real estate development corporation whose mission is to spur development in the city of Columbus' older neighborhood. King Lincoln Bronzeville is within. Next Gen has been responsible for facilitating approximately \$30 million of new housing and retail opportunities in the area. This kind of investment has created an additional investment from private investment to further enhance the area. Viable roadway infrastructure is needed to give a quality of life enjoyed by others in the metropolitan area.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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Sincerely,

Boyce Safford, III  
Executive Director

July 11, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application, which seeks approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This support will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements and multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by historical inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. As a result of this collaboration, the proposed physical improvements will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project also will fund street lighting upgrades and lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets to help protect our residents.

Additionally, this project will reinvest in the communities that were adversely impacted by the construction of interstates through central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s when the physical and economic impact was felt beyond the streets and homes demolished by construction. After a slow and precipitous decline, the City and community partners began to reinvest in these neighborhoods. Since 2010, these neighborhoods have received multiple grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including a nearly \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant in 2014. The City, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission also restored the connection of these neighborhoods to downtown Columbus through the building of the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall as part of Columbus Crossroads' improvements to I-70 and I-71, a project that was featured on the FY2017 USDOT Budget Highlights cover.

This SS4A grant is critical to continue the positive momentum for safer, multimodal facilities for all businesses, residents and roadway users in these neighborhoods. To that end, I urge the U.S. Department of Transportation's highest consideration of this funding request.

Best of Health,



Mysheika Roberts, MD, MPH  
Health Commissioner

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER** | Mysheika W. Roberts, MD, MPH  
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July 10, 2023

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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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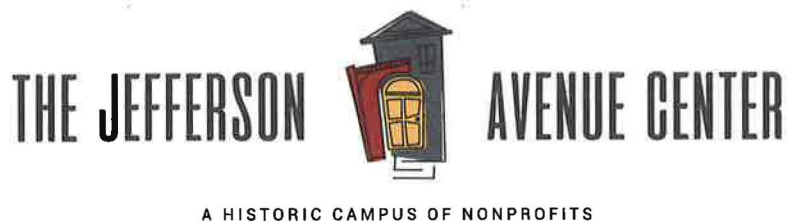
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Sincerely,

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Patty Huddle  
President





July 3, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Jefferson Avenue Center, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The Jefferson Avenue Center is a multiple tenant nonprofit with a campus of twelve historic buildings housing 24 nonprofit organizations. Our tenant organizations work every day to build strengths and support residents to drive lasting change. Collectively we are certain that asset-based community development is the cornerstone of building a resilient, connected, thriving community.

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Katharine Moore  
Executive Director



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July 10, 2023

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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding for much-needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

MORPC is a regional planning organization and regional council representing more than 80 local governments and partner organizations across 15 Central Ohio counties. Our communities span urban, suburban, and rural areas, comprising a broad cross-section of Ohioans. In addition to serving as both a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and advocating on behalf of our members, we also provide a variety of programs and services related to transportation, land use, data, sustainability, and economic and community development.

The City of Columbus has been an important partner in regional transportation safety efforts and has made great strides toward improving safety for all users throughout their jurisdiction. Staff from the City were active participants in the development of the [Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan](#) (COTSP) and will be engaged in the COTSP update and supplemental planning activities that MORPC is also requesting SS4A funding to complete. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project addresses key challenges and action items that were identified in the COTSP and will also implement recommendations that were identified in a collaborative study with the City of Columbus that was conducted through MORPC's Technical Assistance Program in 2022.

To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020 which resulted in physical improvements being proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project will continue this work with the goal to reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades, lane reallocation, and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and in the surrounding area.

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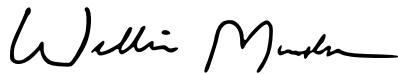
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Kind Regards,

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**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



July 10, 2023

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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Partnership Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much-needed physical infrastructure improvements while also providing financing for multiple demonstration projects to help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

PACT's vision is to create a healthy, financially, and environmentally sustainable community where residents can access safe and affordable housing, quality healthcare and education, and employment opportunities on the Near East Side of Columbus, Ohio.

We are part of the national model of Purpose Built Communities works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. PACT is the community quarterback for the near Eastside inclusive of Bronzeville who works with residents and local leaders bringing the vital components necessary for holistic community revitalization:

- High-quality mixed-income housing
- An effective cradle-to-college education pipeline
- Comprehensive community wellness resources

PACT is a partnership between the City of Columbus, The Ohio State University, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), and Near East Side stakeholders.

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Sincerely,



Trudy Bartley  
PACT Board Chair

July 10, 2023

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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Transit Columbus, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Transit Columbus is a local transit advocacy organization with hundreds of members across central Ohio. We advocate for transit and mobility justice for the city of Columbus and the surrounding region. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets project would further our mission of making mobility in the city safer for all.

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Sincerely,  
Trevin Flickinger

Treasurer, Transit Columbus





July 5, 2023  
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

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July 3, 2023

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Lisa S. Courtice, Ph.D.  
President and CEO



July 10, 2023

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Lisa Patt-McDaniel  
Chief Executive Officer



July 12, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, a subsidiary of NiSource, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,  
Luka Papalko

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July 6, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Lyft Bikes and Scooters, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Lyft is the operator of the city-owned CoGo Bike Share system, specifically with a nearby station on Mt. Vernon Avenue in the Bronzeville neighborhood next to the King Arts Complex. If funded and built, this project would greatly improve the comfort and safety for cyclists on this main neighborhood corridor.

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Chet Ridenour

Pronouns: he/him/his

Senior Operations Manager

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[CoGo Bike Share](#) is a program of our Central Ohio City partners and operated by Lyft.

July 7, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Sincerely,  
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Brian P. Kinzelman, FASLA, PLA, AICP, LEED AP  
Principal



July 10, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

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Sincerely,



Jonathan D. Moody, AIA, NOMA NCARB, LEED AP, FITWEL  
CEO



July 5, 2023

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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of MurphyEpson, Inc, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much-needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

MurphyEpson specializes in building community consensus and support for complex public sector initiatives, providing facilitation and public involvement services, and writing and designing communication materials that build the business case for improvements and engage the public. We are a Woman Business Enterprise certified with the City of Columbus with 10 employees dedicated to amplifying the voices in Ohio and creating more community through public infrastructure projects. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project ensures a safer, more vibrant Columbus for everyone who calls central Ohio home. Through this funding, our community can experience more investment in overall safety and well-being, providing safer routes to both work and school for generations to come. We firmly believe this funding in our City is precisely what we need to implement the many facets of Vision Zero and further our investment in equitable infrastructure.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration and are long overdue. This project will reinvest in communities that were divided and adversely impacted by the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s. The physical and economic impact was felt beyond the streets and homes demolished by the construction; the fracturing of these communities contributed to a slow and precipitous decline until the 2000s when the City and many community partners began to reinvest in these neighborhoods. Since 2010, these neighborhoods have received multiple grants from the U.S. Department of Housing

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Sincerely,

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Marie Silver Keister  
President & CEO  
MurphyEpson, Inc.



July 11, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to extend my support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application.

On behalf of Nationwide Realty Investors, the real estate development affiliate of Nationwide, and in alignment with the City of Columbus, I urge your support for this important initiative to provide infrastructure improvements and funding for projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan and build a more equitable transportation system that supports and connects disadvantaged communities along important business and residential corridors in downtown Columbus.

The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project is a continuation of the City's reinvestment in neighborhoods adversely impacted by inequities in transportation planning including construction of Central Ohio's interstates in the 1960s and 70s. Since 2010, these neighborhoods have received multiple grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including a nearly \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant in 2014. Additionally, the City of Columbus, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission restored the connection of these neighborhoods to downtown Columbus through the building of the Long Street Bridge as part of the Phase 1 Columbus Crossroads improvements to I-70 and I-71.

To continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for area businesses and residents, additional infrastructure improvements are needed. The proposed improvements include speed reduction demonstration projects, lane reallocations, and street lighting upgrades, all of which will provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially those involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes.

As a Fortune 100 insurance company based in Columbus, Nationwide has a vested interest in improving the health, safety, and quality of life for our community in Central Ohio. I respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the continued growth and viability of downtown Columbus and urge your support of the application.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Ellis  
President & COO  
Nationwide Realty Investors



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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Planning NEXT, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Planning NEXT is a multidisciplinary community visioning and planning practice that brings people together for a shared sense of purpose and place. Located in Central Ohio, Planning NEXT works closely with multiple communities in the area and as a result understands the important implications of the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project for those in the area.

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Sincerely,  
Jamie A. Greene

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### **Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Woda Cooper Companies, Inc., I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Woda Cooper Development, Inc. is a fully integrated development, architecture, construction, and property management company which over the past 30 years has created a strong portfolio of over 14,000 housing units in rural, suburban, and urban settings over 320 housing properties across 16 states. Our organization currently operates an 80-unit affordable housing community in the Bronzeville neighborhood. Many of our residents rely on the pedestrian and transit facilities through-out the neighborhood and their safety is our number one concern.

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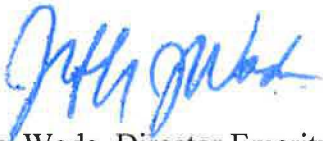
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Sincerely,



Jeffrey Woda, Director Emeritus  
Woda Cooper Companies, Inc.



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For 50 years, Action for Children has been located adjacent to the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue neighborhood, on Jefferson Avenue, separated only by Interstate 71, which cleaved the historic neighborhood from downtown Columbus. Our co-founder, Rosa Hightower, was a resident of Bronzeville, and we have deep ties to this historic heart of Columbus' African American community. Every year, AFC serves some 9,000 parents and early childhood educators and 1,200 child care and early learning programs, reaching an estimated 50,000 children in our 7-county service delivery area centered on Columbus, America's 14<sup>th</sup> largest city. AFC provides vital services including information and referral to early childhood services, parent education, child care professional development, quality improvement coaching, Responsible Fatherhood, and child care shared services. This Safe Streets for All grant would improve conditions in our nearby environment, including for the families who reside next door on Jefferson Avenue.

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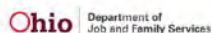
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Catholic Social Services serves clients in the City of Columbus and surrounding area. As an antipoverty organization each day we see how access to reliable transportation is critical to the well-being of our clients.

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Nicholas D. Borchers

Interim President and CEO

Catholic Social Services



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Douglas F. Kridler  
President and CEO  
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Patrick Losinski, CEO

July 3, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Columbus Metropolitan Library, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

CML exists to inspire reading, share resources and connect people. With a staff of over 800 and budget of approximately \$78 million, CML annually welcomes 3.9 million customers to our Main Library and 22 branches in Franklin County, Ohio. CML is well-known for signature services and programs like School Help, Reading Buddies, Summer Reading Challenge and Ready for Kindergarten. The library's Strategic Plan supports the vision of "a thriving community where wisdom prevails," which positions CML to respond to areas of urgent need: kids unprepared for kindergarten, third grade reading proficiency, high school graduation, college and career readiness and employment resources.

CML's Martin Luther King Branch is located in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood that the City of Columbus' Safe Streets for All project would serve. The branch was completely re-envisioned in 2018 to meet the changing needs of the community. The new building has an expanded children's space and a larger School Help Center where K-12 students can get free after-school assistance. Additionally, the MLK branch serves as a community hub, offering free meeting spaces for community organizations; high-speed internet for job-seekers; free afterschool snacks for youth; social service partnerships to help families address pressing needs, and more. The focus on youth and family services at MLK means children, teens, and caregivers often arrive at the branch by bike or on foot, making traffic safety a top priority.

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Sincerely,

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Patrick A. Losinski

CEO



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July 10, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Columbus Urban League is a staff of 116 seeing upwards of 2,500 walk-ins per year. This project would help to improve ease of navigation to our main office for both staff and constituents. This project will also create a sense of safety as it will elevate the experience of traveling to the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Ave area.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Hightower  
President & CEO





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July 10, 2023

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,

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Inna Kinney  
Founder and CEO





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Every Community.

July 5, 2023

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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

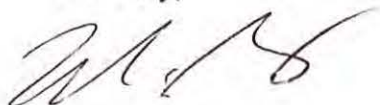
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Mario Basora  
CEO





*The King Arts Complex*

July 10, 2023  
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The King Arts Complex, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Demetries J. Neely  
Executive Director



Karen B. Mozenter  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

July 5, 2023

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All  
Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Jewish Family Services (JFS), I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much-needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Jewish Family Services (JFS) has served the Central Ohio community since 1908 and has earned a reputation as one of the area's premiere human service organizations. The agency's mission is to help individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency and emotional stability. Our agency was founded by the Jewish community and our work is rooted in Jewish values, but we serve people of all races, ethnicities, and religions, and from all economic circumstances. The vast majority of our clients are from low-income households and under-resourced communities. The agency serves a diverse population that encompasses every zip code in Central Ohio, including those that would benefit from the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets project.

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Sincerely,



Karen Mozenter  
Chief Executive Officer



July 5, 2023

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Local Matters, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Local Matters' mission is to build healthier communities through food education, access, and advocacy. We lead hands-on programming that empowers people to access the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to eat well and feed their families on a budget. Local Matters is a non-profit organization located on the South Side of Columbus. Local Matters has 13 full-time and 4 permanent part-time staff members, including an experienced team of Food Educators and access team members dedicated to implementing high-quality nutrition education and food access programming with people of all ages. Our partnerships in the Bronzeville area provide critical support to a community in need.

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Michelle Moskowitz Brown  
Executive Director, Local Matters



July 5, 2023

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Nationwide Children's Hospital, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,

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Tim Robinson  
CEO, Nationwide Children's Hospital





July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Netcare Corporation, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Brian Stroh, MD  
CEO and Medical Director

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July 3, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of, OhioHealth I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

OhioHealth is a 14-hospital healthcare system that has served the central Ohio community since 1891. We are a family of 35,000 associates, physicians, and volunteers with over 50 ambulatory sites, hospice, home-health, medical equipment, and other health services spanning a 47-county area throughout Ohio. Our presence is not just in Columbus but extends regionally, northward into Richland County and as far south as Athens County, westward into Van Wert and as far east as Guernsey County.

We own and operate Grant Medical Center (GMC), the state's largest and busiest level I trauma center and downtown Columbus' only hospital. Ease of access to GMC – for our patients, for our providers and perhaps most importantly for ambulance services – is essential. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project will improve that access.

To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

It's important to note that many of the crash victims along Mt. Vernon Avenue will almost certainly be transported to and cared for at GMC.



OhioHealth's mission is to improve the health of those we serve, and this project will also reinvest in communities that were divided and adversely impacted by the construction of the interstates through Central Ohio in the 1960s and 70s. The physical and economic impact was felt beyond the streets and homes demolished by the construction; the fracturing of these communities contributed to a slow and precipitous decline until the 2000s when the City and many community partners began to reinvest in these neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

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Shawna B. Davis  
Vice President, External Affairs and Foundation Operations



July 6, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is an academic medical center with seven hospitals, an expansive and growing network of outpatient care centers, a nationally ranked College of Medicine, more than 20 research institutes, a faculty group practice, an accountable care organization and a health plan that serves Columbus, Ohio and the state.


We are committed to creating healthier communities and addressing health care disparities by increasing access to high-quality, highly specialized care directly in communities. In 1999, Ohio State purchased what is now Ohio State East Hospital in the heart of the Near East Side neighborhood of Columbus, and for more than two decades, we have partnered with our neighbors to revitalize this community by investing in the health and well-being needs of its residents. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project would support further improvements in health care access for these residents and better connect them to all the amenities the City of Columbus has to offer.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods. To help rectify downstream impacts created when the construction of I-71 separated the Near East Side from the rest of Columbus, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the YMCA of Central Ohio, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

Tony Collins  
President and CEO



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*Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.*

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**July 3, 2023**

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

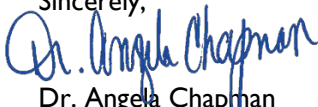
On behalf of Columbus City Schools, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Angela Chapman  
Superintendent/CEO





July 7, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Ohio State University, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

Ohio State supports the City of Columbus' commitment to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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A SS4A grant is necessary to continue the positive momentum and provide safer, multimodal facilities for businesses, residents, and roadway users of all ages and abilities in these neighborhoods. The Ohio State University respectfully requests that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the transportation challenges within Columbus' Near East, the need to create more transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoffsis

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July 7, 2023

Ms. Motique Ramsey  
Secretary of the Bronzeville Neighborhood Association  
Columbus, Ohio 43203

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All Application**

Dear Emma Kogge,

On behalf of Bronzeville Neighborhood Association, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in appropriate functioning streets and sidewalks. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2024. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal and serious injury crashes. This project will also fund street lighting upgrades and fund lane reallocation and speed reduction demonstration projects on Broad Street and other neighborhood streets.

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Sincerely,

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*Willis Brown*

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President Willis Brown

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*Dana Moessner*

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Vice President Dana Moessner

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*Motique Ramsey*

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Secretary Motique Ramsey





**Dr. Howard T. Washington, Pastor**  
Rev. Leon Troy, Pastor Emeritus

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July 10, 2023

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

**Re: Support for the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets  
for All Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Second Baptist Church of Columbus, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

We are the oldest black Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio at 186 years young. We have a congregation of approximately 250 people and are very active in the Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue area. Funding for this neighborhood would breathe life and be a blessing to this area. The additional lighting and slower traffic would significantly benefit the area around our church. Please help us continue to keep our multi-cultural revitalized community and streets safe.

The City of Columbus is committed to building an equitable transportation system that addresses long-term poverty and uplifts disadvantaged communities. The Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue project continues to reinvest in neighborhoods torn apart by inequities in transportation planning. To help rectify the traffic violence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, the City of Columbus began a multi-year community collaboration process in 2020. The physical improvements proposed along Mt. Vernon Avenue are the result of this collaboration. This project will reduce speeding and provide a significant reduction in all crash types, especially crashes involving vulnerable road users and fatal

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Sincerely,



Dr. Howard T. Washington

Senior Pastor





720 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
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Rodney K. Dunn, Chairman, Deacon Board  
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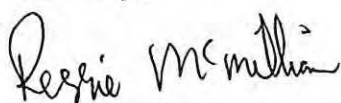
On behalf of Shiloh Baptist Church located at 720 Mt. Vernon Avenue, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' Bronzeville/Mt. Vernon Avenue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) application. This project is seeking approximately \$6.3 million in federal funding. This funding will help fund much needed physical infrastructure improvements, while also providing funding for multiple demonstration projects that will help Columbus better implement its Vision Zero 2023-2028 Action Plan.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Reggie McMillian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and "M".

Reggie McMillian  
Chair, Trustee Board