



Mark Gordon
Governor

WYOMING Department of Transportation

"Provide a safe and effective transportation system"

5300 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340



Darin J. Westby, P.E.
Director

February 28, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20590

Re: Support for City of Sheridan, WY – FY24 RAISE Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), I am writing to express my support for the City of Sheridan's submission to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program for the *West Side Corridor Expansion Project*.

I-90 is a major north-south thoroughfare in Sheridan, crossing main streets running east and west with more than 800 vehicles traveling each day. While beneficial for residential and tourist travel through the main streets of Sheridan, these routes have been a point of concern for commercial uses for decades, with increased traffic of large commercial vehicles contributing to rising commercial, commuter, and school traffic and safety issues. The proposed RAISE project includes planning to establish a new roadway connecting Loucks Street to I-90 to provide alternate routes for vital commercial transportation while alleviating risks to residential and visiting populations.

The *West Side Corridor Expansion Project* aligns with federal infrastructure investment priorities, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, and economic competitiveness and opportunity. In addition, the project supports WYDOT's mission of providing a safe and effective transportation system for Wyoming. Though WYDOT is unable to administer the grant because of staff limits, we will assist the recipient City of Sheridan by providing technical information, issuing any necessary permits, reviewing studies, entering into cooperative agreements, and completing required documentation under WYDOT's purview.

On behalf of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, thank you for your strong consideration of the Sheridan proposal for RAISE funding. Please direct any questions to Hanns W. Mercer, PE, Public Works Director with the City of Sheridan, at h Mercer@sheridanwy.gov or at (307) 675-4237.

Sincerely,

Darin Westby, PE
Director



Office of the City Administrator

55 Grinnell Plaza
Sheridan, WY 82801
307-675-4202



February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As City Administrator for the City of Sheridan, Wyoming, I am writing to you regarding the City's West Side Corridor Expansion Project, which will enable economic opportunity, allow residents and tourists to thrive, and ensure more complete access to and for surrounding areas to all that Sheridan has to offer. The City is submitting an application to the DOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program to support this important.

This project has been strategically considered for over fifteen years, including initial budget estimates. Given the time that has passed and the additional resources necessary to engage our community in building a comprehensive array of stakeholders connected to this project, the City realizes the importance of identifying funds for this project that reduce negative impacts on the tax base in our City.

The City, including City administration and elected leadership, is strongly committed to this project. We are confident that this investment will help spur regional, state-wide, and national interest in funding the plans created with this grant opportunity, spurring growth and creating sustainable economic opportunities for future development in one of the country's most idyllic Old West communities. Through a City Council resolution, Sheridan has committed to providing the 20% matching funds required for this program over the proposed implementation schedule included in our application.

As a project with significant local and regional impact that will improve an understanding of the safety and community engagement needs prior to construction for this proposal, planning activities executed through the West Side Corridor Expansion Project align well with the priorities of DOT. I am confident this project will have a transformative impact on our residents, neighborhoods, and businesses.

I appreciate your consideration of our proposal and this letter. Thank you for our work on behalf of this Administration and the American people.

Sincerely,

Stuart J. McRae
City Administrator

**CITY OF SHERIDAN
RESOLUTION 06-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A "REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY" (RAISE) GRANT TO FUND THE WEST SIDE CORRIDOR EXPANSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, downtown Sheridan continues to see traffic related to industry equipment and heavy machinery; and

WHEREAS, the consistent traffic brought by heavy machinery negatively impacts business development and retention, and has created an uninviting environment for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2008, the City of Sheridan developed strategic goals and initial estimates for construction costs to provide transportation options to heavy machinery to avoid the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sheridan resolves to apply to secure funds from the \$1.5 billion in available Fiscal Year 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation for the West Side Corridor Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the City will allocate 20% matching funds in the amount of \$380,000.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SHERIDAN, WYOMING:

that a grant application in the amount of One-Million Five-Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,520,000) be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation for the West Side Corridor Expansion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:


1. The above recitals are true, correct, and adopted hereby as findings, purpose, and intent.
2. The City of Sheridan hereby endorses and supports grant application submission to the US Department of Transportation to secure Fiscal Year 2024 discretionary grant funding.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2024.

City of Sheridan


Richard Bridger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cecilia Good, City Clerk





February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20590

Re: Support for City of Sheridan, WY – FY24 RAISE Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Sheridan Memorial Hospital, I am writing to express my support for the City of Sheridan's submission to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program for the *West Side Corridor Expansion Project*.

I-90 is a major north-south thoroughfare in Sheridan, crossing main streets running east-west with more than 800 vehicles traveling each day. While beneficial for residential and tourist travel through the main streets of Sheridan, these routes have been a point of concern for commercial uses for decades, with increased traffic of large commercial vehicles contributing to increased commercial, commuter, and school traffic and safety issues. The proposed RAISE project includes planning to establish a new roadway connecting Loucks Street to I-90 to provide alternate routes for vital commercial transportation while alleviating risks to residential and visiting populations. If the project is approved, the roadway would add additional access to Sheridan Memorial Hospital and the hospital's outpatient medical facilities. It is essential to have a new route that would ensure improved emergency response travel times, as well as a faster commute for those residing in the western region of Sheridan. These elements, when thoroughly addressed, will contribute to a robust and sustainable roadway while connecting more communities to Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

The *West Side Corridor Expansion Project* aligns with federal infrastructure investment priorities, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, and economic competitiveness and opportunity. The project received funding more than 15 years ago to understand the basic qualifications and estimated costs associated with construction activities. Both costs and activities have changed in recent years, and additional resources must be contributed to understand community impact, safety, and the Corridor's role in advancing access to medical facilities.

On behalf of Sheridan Memorial Hospital, thank you for your strong consideration of the Sheridan proposal for RAISE funding. If there are any questions, please contact me at 307-672-1044 or by email at mikemccafferty@sheridanhospital.org.

Sincerely,

Mike McCafferty
Chief Executive Officer
Sheridan Memorial Hospital